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Date of Sailing.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
22nd Dec.	OCEANA	7090	MOLDAVIA	12000
30th " 1912	MALOJA	14500	----	--
4th Jan.	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	12000
13th "	PERSIA	8000	----	--
20th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOOLTAN	12000
27th "	OCEANA	7090	----	--
3rd Feb.	SALSETTE	6000	MALWA	11500
10th "	CHINA	9000	----	--
17th "	SALSETTE	6000	MANTUA	11000
24th "	EGYPT	8000	----	--
2nd Mar.	MACEDONIA	10500	----	--
9th "	ARABIA	8000	----	--
16th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOREA	11000
23rd "	*ARCADIA	7000	----	--
31st "	PERSIA	8000	----	--
6th "	MARMORA	10500	----	--
6th April.	MOOLTAN	10000	----	--
13th "	SALSETTE	6000	MOLDAVIA	12000
20th "	MANTUA	11000	----	--
27th "	SALSETTE	6000	MALOJA	12500
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11th "	SALSETTE	6000	MONGOLIA	10000
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			THURSDAY.
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Natal	5588		14th Mar. 1912.
Oceanien	4148	Cousin	11th April 1912.
Armand Behic	6385	Galonnat	9th May 1912.
Yarra	4142	Rossi	6th June 1912.
Salazie	4147	X	4th July 1912.

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Lhasa	2184	Mon.	25th Dec.	11 a.m.	‡ via P. D. & O. M.
Dwarka	1695	Thurs.	28th Dec.	9 a.m.	*C. M.

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*Cutch Mandvie.

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Scindia	5103	W. Kelso	23rd " "

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

			Leave Bombay
Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	7th Feb. 1912
*Elysia	6368	A. Haig	21th Feb. "
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson	8th Mar. "
Olympia	5124	R.H. Brown, R.N.R.	23rd " "
*Circassia	6716	C.F. Osborne R.N.R.	6th Apr. "
Scindia	5106	Wm. Kelso	21st " "
Castalia	6388	G. Mitchell	3rd May "
*Elysia	6368	A. Haig	17th " "
Massilia	5091	J. Thomson	2nd June "

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FRANK J. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

Victoria Terminus,
20th December, 1911.

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DOWN.			UP.		
Colaba	... Dep.	21-30	Peshawar	... Dep.	7-55
Muttra	... Arr.	21-45	Rawalpindi...	Arr.	12-15
Do.	... Dep.	21-55	Do.	... Dep.	12-27
Delhi	... Arr.	1-0	Lahore	... Arr.	19-20
Do.	... Dep.	1-30	Do.	... Dep.	19-45
Bhatinda	... Arr.	6-51	Ferozepore	... Arr.	21-29
Do.	... Dep.	7-1	Do.	... Dep.	21-36
Ferozepore	... Arr.	8-28	Bhatinda	... Arr.	23-3
Do.	... Dep.	8-35	Do.	... Dep.	23-13
Lahore	... Arr.	10-20	Delhi	... Arr.	4-32
Do.	... Dep.	10-45	Do.	... Dep.	5-0
Rawalpindi...	Arr.	17-51	Muttra	... Arr.	7-55
Do.	... Dep.	18-6	Do.	... Dep.	8-5
Peshawar	... Arr.	22-25	Colaba	... Arr.	8-20

A through carriage will run on these trains between Saharanpur and Delhi.

The Down Gujerat Mail will leave Colaba at 21-50.

The Weekly Surat Excursion train will run from 6th January.

Detailed timings and full particulars can be obtained from the Quarterly Guide and Sheet Time Table.

Note.—The Down Northern Express and Gujarat Mail will run to their revised timings from Colaba on 31st December.

FREDERICK W. HANSON,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 20th December, 1911.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.
IN INSOLVENCY.
No. 544 of 1911.

RE AMRITLAL DAYARAM and MANILAL DAYARAM both of Bombay Hindus until lately carrying on business at Gunbava Street, Fort, and at Dani Building, Girgaum, Bombay, under the style or firm of MANILAL DAYARAM ; adjudged Insolvents.

WHEREAS the abovenamed AMRITLAL DAYARAM and MANILAL DAYARAM have been this day duly adjudged to have committed act of Insolvency under Section IX of the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act, 1909 (III of 1909). It is ordered that all the estate and effects of the said Insolvents do vest in the Official Assignee of this Honourable Court, and it is further ordered that the said Insolvents do, immediately after the service of the order of adjudication upon them, attend the Office of the said Official Assignee.—Dated this 21st day of December, 1911.

R. B. PATEL,
Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk's Office, High Court, Fort,
Bombay, this 21st December, 1911.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE BANK will be CLOSED, on SATURDAY, MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 23rd, 25th and 26th instant, those days being Public Holidays, under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

J. BEGBIE,
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Bombay, 15th December, 1911.

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DOWN.			UP.		
Bombay	...Dep.	21-30	Peshawar	...Dep.	7-55
"Ratlam Jn.	...Arr.	10-0	Rawalpindi	...Arr.	12-15
Do.	Dep.	10-20	Do.	Dep.	12-27
Bharatpur	... Arr.	21- 1	Lahore	...Arr.	19-20
Do.	Dep.	21-11	Do.	Dep.	19-45
Delhi	...Arr.	1-0	Ferozepore	...Arr.	21-29
Do.	Dep.	1-31	Do.	Dep.	21-36
Bhatinda	...Arr.	6-51	Bhatinda	...Arr.	23- 3
Do.	Dep.	7- 1	Do.	Dep.	23-12
Ferozepore	...Arr.	8-28	Delhi	...Arr.	4-32
Do.	Dep.	8-35	Do.	Dep.	5- 0
Lahore	...Arr.	10-20	Bharatpur	...Arr.	8-36
Do.	Dep.	10-45	Do.	Dep.	8-56
Rawalpindi	...Arr.	17-51	"Ratlam Jn.	...Arr.	13- 5
Do.	Dep.	18- 6	Do.	Dep.	13-25
Peshawar	...Arr.	22-25	Bombay	...Arr.	8-20

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Delhi	...Dep.	1-15	Saharanpur	...Dep.	22-15
Meerut	...Arr.	2-35	Meerut	...Arr.	2- 2
Do.	Dep.	2-42	Do.	Dep.	2-18
Saharanpur	...Arr.	4-29	Delhi	...Arr.	4-13

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Delhi,	Newara-Eliya,	Kampala.
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Post Box No. 141. W. J. K. HEGARTY,
BOMBAY Acting Manager.

ALLAHABAD BANK, LTD.

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RESERVE FUND (in GOVT. PAPER) ... ,, 32,00,000

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J. BEGBIE,
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SAVINGS BANK.

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DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON MARKETS

LONDON, DEC. 20.] [BOMBAY, DEC. 21.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Pins.	Minus.
3 4-2 per cent. Consols	77 3-16		3-16
do. Rentes	94 3-4	un	chgd
3 1-2 do. Sterling Loan	93 1-2	un	chgd
4 do. Gov. securities	64 1-2	1-9	
Bar Silver in London	25 1-8		1-16
do. 2 months' hence	25 3-16	1-16	
Bar Silver in New York	54 1-2		1-8
Exchange on London at Paris	25·25	un	chgd
do. do. at Berlin	20·45	01	
do. do. New York	4·86 1-2	un	chgd
Discount Bank of England's Rate	4 p. c.	since	
do. short London Bills	21st Sept		
3 months' sight	3 3-4		1-16
do. Indian Bank Bills 6 months' sight	3 1-2	un	chgd
do. 3 months' Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	un	chgd
do. 6 months' Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	un	chgd
Interest day-to-day Loans	3 5-8	un	chgd
do. 7 day Market Loans	3 3-4	un	chgd

Bar Gold 77-9 unchgd
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1 8 21-32 unchgd.
Closing Tone of Silver—Quiet. Steady.
Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £100,000.

COUNCIL BILLS.

At the periodical Bidtings for Council Bills on India to-day, for Rs. 40,00,000,

Rs. 23,40,000 were allotted to Calcutta
" 5,50,000 " to Bombay
" 5,80,000 " to Madras
" 37,70,000

Tenders on Calcutta at Is. 4 1-16d. (Min. Rate) received 5 per cent. above that rate in full.
Tenders on Bombay at Is. 4 1-16d. (Min. Rate) received 5 per cent. above that rate in full.
Average rates of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 16·07.

Telegraphic Transfers:—
Rs. ..... were allotted to Calcutta.
" 2,30,000 " to Bombay.
" ..... " to Madras.
" 2,30,000

Tenders on Calcutta at Is. 4 3-32d. (Min. Rate) received 5 per cent. above that rate in full.
Tenders on Bombay at Is. 4 3-32d. (Min. Rate) received 5 per cent. above that rate in full.
Average rates of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 16·09.
Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales, as. 40,50,000.
Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 50,00,000.

EXTRA ALLOTMENTS.—
Bills on Calcutta ...Rs. 30,000 at Is. 4 3-32d.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL—
Spot Steady fair demand.
Futures ... Steady.
East indian ... .
Manchester Quiet with a fair enquiry.
Total Sales ... 8,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export ... 1,000 "
Imports ... 53,000 "
Mid-Americans ... 5·09+04
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 9 unchgd

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apr.	April-May
4·93 +04	4·94 +04	4·95 +04	4·96 +04	4·96 +04
May-June	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**	**Aug.-Sept.**	
5·00 +04	5·01 +03	5·01 +03	5·05 +04	

New York Official noon call Jan. 8·87; May 9·10.
New Orleans 10 a.m. Jan. 9·02; May 9·17.

NEW YORK—
Bales.
Receipts at all U. S. Ports ... 72,000
Receipts at U. S. last year ... 52,000
Exports to Great Britain ... Nil.
Exports to Continent ... 38,000
Spot Cotton— ... 9·65+05
Futures—Month of Jan. 9·96+05 } Declined on bearish Govt. Ginners' report and advanced on firm New Orleans market.
Futures—Month of May 9·21+10

NEW ORLEANS—
Spot Cotton ... 9 3-16 —1-16
Futures—Month of Jan. ... 9 10 + 05
Do. do May ... 9·27+10
Tone of Spot Cotton ... Steady.

GINNERS' REPORT.

The United States Census Bureau gives the amount of cotton ginned upto 13th December 13,760,000 commercial Bales.
Additional Cotton Quotations unchanged.

WHEAT.

Wheat White Delhi ... Nominal.
Do. Months— .....
Do. Name of Ports— .....
Wheat White Karachi ...36 3-8 —1-2
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.
Do. Name of Ports—London—Buyers.
Wheat Red Karachi ...36 1-4 +1-4
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.—London—Nominal.
Tone—Quiet.

SOUTH AMERICAN.
Rosario Santa Fe-62lbs. ... No sellers.
Do. Months— .....

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN.
South Australian ...
Do. Months— .....
Victorian ...
Do. Months— .....
New South Wales ... 36 1-3+3-8
Do. Months—Jan.—Done.

SEEDS.

RAPESEED—
Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs., 85 p.c. ex-ship ... Nominal.
Do. Months— ... .
Do. Name of Ports— ... .
Yellow Gujerat, per 416 lbs, 85 p. c. ex-ship ... .
Do. Months— .....
Do. Name of Ports,—Nominal
Brown Cawnpore ... 46 1-2+1-2
Do. Months—Mar.-May
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Sellers.
Tone—Quiet.

LINSEED—
Bombay per 416 lbs ex-ship ... 63 1-2+1-4
Do. Months—Feb.-Mar.
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp.—Nearest value.
Tone—Quiet.
Linseed Argentine—La Plata ... 61 7-8 +3-8
Do. Months—Dec.-Jan.
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Done.

COTTONSEED—
Bombay Cottonseed ... £ 6-15-0
Dec.-Jan.—Hull—Done and Sellers—Dull.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) ... ... 14 1-2 unobgd

RUBBER—
Para Rubber ... 4 3 1-2—1-2
Dec.-Jan.—Value—Dull.

METALS—
Copper Braziers ..... £ 74 1-4+3-4
Yellow Metal ..... d 6 1-2 unchgd.
Standard Copper G M B ..... £63 9-16—1-4

FREIGHT—
Coals—Cardiff to Bombay Canal 12 6—Value

ARRIVALS—
"Moltkefels."

SUGAR—
German granulated sugar C. and F. India double bags ...17 9 +1-2
Do. Months of Shipment Jan.-Mar.—Sellers
Tone—Only limited business.
Hungarian Crystals Sugar C & F India ...Nominal.
Do. Months of Shipments ... .
German Beet-root 88 p. c. 14 6 1-2+1 1-2
Months of Shipments ... Jan.—Sellers.
Tone—Less offering. Good business at firm rates. Closed quiet.
Java & Similar Crystals C & F India 19 9 unchgd.
Months of Shipments ...Mar.-Aug.—Sellers
Tone—Steady. Very quiet.
Mauritius Crystal C & F Calcutta and Bombay 16 1 1-2—1 1-2—Value
Months of Shipments ...Jan.
Tone—Quiet.
Java Sugar Market unchanged. Nothing doing.
Cuban estimate of the Cuban sugar crop is 1,810,000 tons.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

THURSDAY EVENING.] [21st DEC. 1911.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Importers
17 boxes bullion gold	Rs. 10,56,000	London	National Bank

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 19th Dec., 1911.

By	Bars	Ounces
G I P Railway	52	60,109
B B and C I Railway ...	34	40,762

FINANCIAL.

EXCHANGE:—
The market opened firm at Is. 4 1-16d. T. T., Is. 4 3-32d. Demand and Is. 4 5-16d. for 3 months' sight credits. There has been some enquiry for Bank remittance. There are few Private bills offering. Far Eastern rates are steady.

We quote:—

T. T. on London	...Is. 4 1-16d.
Demand Drafts	...Is. 4 3-32d.
Credits 3 months' sight	...Is. 4 5-16d.
Do. do forward	...Is. 4 9-32d. Feb.
Do. do France	...171 1-2
Do. do Marks	...139 1-2
Hongkong 60 days' sight	...136 1-2
Shanghai "	...181 1-2
Japan "	...150

GOVERNMENT PAPER:—
The market opened at 96 5-16 for Cash and 96 3-16 for the Settlement, and has fluctuated slightly during the day, closing at the opening rates as under. A fair business has been done.

We quote:—

Cash	... Rs.	96	5 0
1st Settlement ...	... "	96	3 0
2nd " ...	... "	96	0 0

BULLION:—
Yesterday Bar Silver in London closed 1-16 down for ready at 25 1-8 and 1-16 up for delivery in 2 months at 25 3-16. New York was 1-8 down at 54 1-2. Rates here opened steadier at 63 5-8 ex duty for ready. Little business has been done and the market closes quiet as under.

We quote:—

English Bar Gold ...	... Rs	23	15 0
Australian " ...	... "	23	15 0
Sovereigns " ...	... "	15	0 0
Silver Ready ex-duty	... "	63	9 0
" 1st Settlement	... "	63	11 0

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT:—
The Ginners' report received to-day is about what was expected, the amount ginned being 13,760,000 bales. Since the last Ginners' report 946,000 bales have been ginned, against 896,000 bales during the same period in the last big crop year (1908). The previous report showed 1,544,000 bales ginned during the fortnight. The falling off is a natural one. The Home markets yesterday closed steadier in spite of the above Ginners' report being considered bearish.
The local market opened rather steadier, good Broach being quoted Rs. 252-53. In contracts there is little business going on, as neither buyers nor sellers are disposed to operate. At the close the market is quotations being as under.
There is still a fair enquiry for ready cotton owing to the completion of December requirements. Prices are steady.

QUOTATIONS:—

NEW CROP.

Good M G Broach	Rs.	253	March
Fine M G Wardha Hinganghat	"	249	Jan.
Fine M G Nagpur	"	247	"
Fine M G Yeotmal	"	245-6	"
Fine M G Dhamangaon-Pulgaon	"	244-5	"
Fine M G Khamgaon-Akola ...	"	243	"
Fine M G Khandeish ...	"	233	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	"	227	"
Fine M. G. Bengal	"	246	Dec.
Fine M G Bengal	"	243	nominal.
F. G. H. G. Bengal	"	239	

LIVERPOOL OPENER:—

Opening Tone	...	Steady.
Estimated Sales	...	8,000 bales
Total Imports	...	36,000 "

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April.
4·95 +02	4·95 +01	4·96 +01	4·97 +01
Apl.-May.	**May-June**	**June-July.**	**July-Aug.**	**Aug.-Sept.**
4·99 +01	5·02 +02	5·04 +02	5·06 +02	5·07 +02

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED:—
The market for ready is quiet and for forward a little easier.
We quote:—

Ready	... Rs.	11 14	0 B.T.
May	... "	10 15	6 B.T.

RAPESEED:—
The market is steady. We Quote:—

Brown Delhi A.-M.	... Rs.	8 4	0 B.T.
Yellow Gujerat ready	... "	8 12	0 B.T.
Brown Cawnpore ready	... "	8 0	0 "

GINGELLYSEED:—
The market is steady. We quote:—

Bold White 85 p.c.	... Rs.	11 9	0 B T
Gulburga	... "	55 8	0
Red Jubbulpore	... "	52 0	0
Black Kutni	... "	47 0	0

CASTORSEED:—
Tone—Steady. We quote:—

Ready	... Rs.	7 7	0 B.T.
Forward	... "	35 8	0

COTTONSEED:—
Tone—Steadier. We quote:—
Ready. ...Rs 26 0 0

POPPYSEED:—
Tone—Steady. We quote:—
Ready ... Rs. 10 12 6 B. T.

GROUNDNUTS —
Tone—Firm. We quote:—
Bold ... ... Rs. 42 0 0

MOWRASSED:—
Tone—Quiet.
Ready ... Rs. 7 5 0 B. T.

WHEAT:—
The market is steady. We quote:—
White Pissi ready 85 p.c. Rs. 5 0 6 B. T.
" Delhi A.-M. ... " 5 4 6 "

SHARES.

BANKS.

Bank of Bombay	1,775	
Bank of India	69	
Bombay Merchants' Bank ...	8	3-8
Eastern Bank	79	
Indian Specie	50	1-2

MILLS.

Bombay United	405	
David	416	1-4
Khatlau Makanji	910	
Kurlaoor	765	
Mahomed Petit	2,715	
New Great Eastern	203	3-4
Standard	1,160	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bombay E. S. & T. C. Ordinary ...	151	1-2
Bombay E. S. & T. C. Preference...	176	
Bombay S N Co Ord.	282	1-2
Colaba Land and Mill	1,215	
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate ...	17	
Treacher & Co	5.0	

RAILWAYS.

Amritsar Patti	125	
Kapurthala	52	1-2

DAY'S RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., yesterday:—

Cotton	10,170	bales
Wheat	15,229	owts.
Linseed	4,543	"
Rapeseed	396	"
Gingellyseed	18,750	"
Poppyseed	nil	
Groundnuts	11,801	"
Castorseed	2,445	"
Rice	11,594	"
Myrabollams	3,496	"
Cottonseed	38,643	"
Mowrassed	229	"
Gram	4,720	"
Joowar	1,414	"
Maize	23,209	"

CALCUTTA MONEY MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, DEC. 21.

Of Council Bills Rs. 37,70,000 were taken if Demand Bills and Rs. 2,30,000 in Telegraphic transfers, Calcutta took Rs. 26,40,000, Bombay Rs. 5,50,000 and Madras Rs. 58,00,000. The amount on offered next week has been increased to 50 lakhs. The share market ruled steady to-day. Coal shares were in strong request and many of them were difficult to obtain. 3 1-2 per cent. Government paper was quoted from Rs. 96-4 to Rs. 96-15.

KARACHI FREIGHTS.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

KARACHI, DEC. 21.

The freight market has firmed up very considerably during the week and rates have advanced 6d. all round against charters done early in the week for picket ports at 17s. 9d. There is to-day reported the fixing of a January steamer at 18s. 3d. Freights are very firm and likely to remain so for some time as there is good demand for tonnage.

KARACHI WHEAT EXPORTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DEC. 21.

During the week ending 18th December, 114,334 cwts. of wheat were exported for Karachi, bringing the total exports since 1st January, 1911, up to 19,230,344 cwts as against 17,274,289 cwts during the corresponding period of 1910.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 21.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Circassia s—6,000 cwts maize, K Devchand and Co; 3,000 cwts maize, 6,000 cwts cottonseed, L Dreyfus and Co; 6 bales silk-waste, K Nixon and Co; 275 bales wool, N Khatow; 2,000 cwts maize, B S Lloyd and Co.
Brodstone s—150 tons manganese ore, R A Willis; 4,005 cwts cottonseed, M Vulubhdas.

FOR LONDON.

Oceana s—1·2 cwts ivory, J Esmail.
Malaja s—81 cwts condiments, M Poonjiajee and Sons; 203 cwts kanggrain, L Pragjee; 6,000 cwts cottonseed, W Becher; 150 cwts condiments, M Poonjiajee and Sons; 101 casks skins, Thos Cook and Sons; 236 casks skins, Nizamoodin and Co; 160 bales hemp, J M Kapadia and Co; 1 bale carpets, Y H Dessai and Co; 33 bales hides and skins, R M Kooka; 1,840 cwtsgram, Ralli Bros; 59 bales skins and hides, H A Oomer.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Circassia s—3,000 cwts maize, 2,000 cwts gingellyseed, 4110 cwts groundnuts, L Dreyfus and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Circassia s—200 bales cotton, L Devsi and Co.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Circassia s—500 casks skins, Enrico N Stein.

FOR HULL.

Ardgarroch s—57 cwts myrabollams, E. Oomersey.
Peebles s—19,750 cwts cottonseed A. Khimjee.

FOR ROTTERDAM.

Gramsbergen s—62 casks skins Enrico N. Stein; 55 bales cotton, Goddum and Co,

FOR DUNKIRK.

Hurst s—55 bales cotton fly K. Visram and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Gramsbergen s—2001 cwts gingellyseed, J. Fachiri, 7,000 cwts castorseed, Ralli Bros; 1,000 cwts gingellyseed, E. D. Sassoon and Co; 10,000 cwts gingellyseed L. Dreyfus and Co; 3,000 cwts gingellyseed, K. Devchand and Co; 5,000 cwts gingellyseed, K. Devchand and Co; 5,000 cwts honemeal, Croft Mody and Co; 4,000 cwts, castorseed, H. Mugunial; 4,000 cwts barley B. S. Lloyd and Co.
Chyebassa s—285 bales cotton E. Spinner and Co; 110 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 1,500 tons manganeseore, The Central I. Mining and Co; 1,000 tons manganeseore, The Shivrajpur Syndicate, 2,001 cwts rapeseed, E. D. Sassoon and Co; 1,000 cwts mustardseed 5,000 cwts gingellyseed, Volkart Bros; 4,004 cwts gingellyseed, G. Bhimjee; 16,937 cwts teelseed, Ralli Bros; 6,000 cwts gingellyseed, Louis Dreyfus and Co; 1,000 cwts gingellyseed, K. Devchand and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Koerber s—55 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 4006 cwts gingellyseed, B S Lloyd and Co; 62 cwts olibanum, M Jafferbhoy; 330 bales cotton Volkart Bros; 500 cwts myrabollams, S Cooverjee and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Koerber s—62 cwts olibanum, S Cooverjee and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Hakata Maru s—1000 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co 400 bales twist M M Essabhoy and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Hakata Maru s—300 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co; 100 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 500 bales cotton M Amersey and Co; 400 bales cotton, N W Kaisha; 800 bales cotton, H Goculdas and Co; 100 bales cotton, N Futehally and Co; 200 bales cotton, M H Dehdashti; 50 bales cotton, H E Bode and Sons; 100 bales cotton, M Jethabhai and Co; 1300 bales cotton, the M B Kaisha.

FOR MOJI.

Hakata Maru s—100 bales cotton, the Japan Cotton Trading Co; 1150 bales cotton, Volkart Bros

FOR OSAKA.

Hakata Maru s—500 bales cotton the Japan Cotton Trading Co; 300 bales cotton, N W Kaisha.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BURMA COTTON.

The summary of the third forecast of the cotton crop in Burma for the year 1911-12:—
[On an average of the five years ending 1909-10, the area under Cotton in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 0·9 per cent. of the total area under Cotton in British India.]
Summary.—The area under Cotton in the eleven chief Cotton producing districts is now estimated to be 189,973 acres. This is 23,181 acres more than the area actually cultivated last year, but 5,621 acres less than the area as estimated in the second forecast. The decrease is mainly the result of a change in the Thayetmyo District figures. The drought did not damage the crop over any large area, but heavy rain at the end of October did harm in the Upper Burma Districts. The outturn as a whole promises to be a little below the average. It is estimated that the yield of cleaned Cotton will be approximately 34,000 bales of 400 lbs.

BOMBAY SEASON REPORT.

The following summary of Season Reports in the Bombay Presidency is published for the present week. The standing crops are withering for want of moisture in parts of the Panch Mahals, Broach, Bijapur, Belgaum, Rewa Kantha and Kolhapur. Harvesting of kharif crops continues in parts of Thar and Parkar, Broach, Surat, Kanara, Poona, the Karnatak, Kathiawar, Baroda Palanpur and Kolhapur. Sowing of rabi crops continues in parts of Sind Kolaba, Kanara, the Deccan Baroda and Cutch. Picking of cotton is in progress in parts of Hyderabad, Thar and Parkar, Ahmedabad, Kaira, Broach, East Khandesh, Bijapur, Baroda and Rewa Kantha. Agricultural stock is generally in good condition except in parts of Thar and Parkar, Broach and Ahmednagar where it is deteriorating; it is deficient in parts of Ahmednagar, Sholapur and Cutch. Drinking water is inadequate in parts of Ahmedabad, the Panch Mahals, Dharwar and Kathiawas. Water for irrigation is insufficient in parts of Gujarat, West Khandesh, Poona, the Karnatak, Katoiawar and Palanpur. The fodder supply is generally inadequate. Prices of foodgrains have fallen in parts of Sukkur, Upper Sind Frontier, Ahmedabad, Surat, East Khandesh, Ahmednagar, Poona, Satara, Bijapur and Belgaum and are stationary elsewhere. The quantities of food-grains purchasable per rupee are 20 to 45 per cent. less than normal in Sind, 16 to 45 per cent. less than normal in Gujarat, 23 to 36 per cent. less than normal in the Konkan, 18 to 42 per cent. less than normal in the Deccan and 29 to 43 per cent. less than normal in the Karnatak.
Distress continues throughout the Panch Mahals district. Relief measures are adequate and no wandering or emaciation is noticed. The public health is good and people on relief works are in good condition. People find employment in digging temporary wells and in cutting grass. Takavi is being freely advanced. The stocks of grain are sufficient Price of bajri is 9 to 10, and of maize 11 to 12 seers per rupee. The numbers on relief works for the week ending 16th December were 32,600 and 2,234 in the Panch Mahals and Kathiawar respectively. The number on gratuitous relief in the Panch Mahals was 19,055. In the Native States of Kathiawar Palanpur and Rewa Kantha the numbers on test works were 2,361 and on gratuitous relief 291.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

("Bombay Government Gazette," Dec. 21.)
Mr. Muhammad Salahuddin Karimuddin to be an Honorary Magistrate of the Second Class in the Poona District.
Mr. Shamrav Vithal Mangalvedheker having resigned his appointment as a Special Magistrate within the Municipal limits of the town of Bagalkot in the Bijapur District.
Sidu Govind, late a Forest Guard in the Bijapur Division, is dismissed from Government service.
Mr. C. N. Seddon, I. C. S., on reversion, to be Collector of Ratnagiri. Mr. M. B. Clayton, I. C. S. on relief, to be Assistant Collector, Ratnagiri.
The Reverend H. Foote Chaplain of Camp, Aden, is appointed to act as Chaplain of Steamer Point, Aden, in addition to his duties, during the absence on leave of the Reverend G. Hewitt or pending further orders.
The Reverend G. Hewith, Chaplain of Steamer Point, Aden, has been granted privilege leave for three months from the 2nd January 1912 or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.
The Reverend E. S. J. D'Alessio, Chaplain on duty at the Presidency, to be Chaplain of Mahabaleshwar 'cum' Satara as a temporary measure.
Mr. Bhaskar Dhanddev Mansirikar, LL. B., to be the District Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, Belgaum, with effect from 1st January, for a period of five years vice Mr. Keshavrao Ganesh Ajrekar, L. L. B., resigned.
Mr. Pritamlal Vajeshankar Vaidya, LL. B., is authorised to practise as a Pleader in such Court or Courts of the Ahmedabad District as may be assigned to him by the District Judge.
Mr Gunabhai Mahipatram is appointed Clerk of the Court and Nazir of the Court of Small Causes at Nadiad vice Mr. Balkisandas Prasjiwandas, retired.
Mr. Bapuji Jebhai is appointed to act as Clerk of the Court and Nazir, Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court, Godhra vice Mr. Jamietram Narbheram, retired pending further orders.
Mr. R. V. Kaikini, late Excise Inspector, Mundgod and Yellapur, Kanara District, was granted leave without pay from the 20th September to 31st October 1911.
The following transfers of Excise Inspectors made by the Collector of Satara are notified:—Mr. G. W. Modak, District Inspector, North-East Division, to be District Inspector, North-West Division and Mr. K. N. Khandalawal, District Inspector, North-West Division, to be District Inspector, North-East Division.
Mr. Bhasker Bahiro Mahabal, LL. B., is authorised to practise as a pleader in the Satara District.
Mr. Balaji Ganpat Rev. B.A., LL.B., was admitted as a Vakil of the High Court.
Mr. Sidramappa Dundappa Pavte, B.A., LL.B., is admitted as a Vakil of the High Court.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcement of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM NOTICES, which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender, Re. 2 for six lines or less, and Sas. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

B N—December 10, at Peshawar, the wife of H N Bolton, I C S, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

DAWE—PARMER—November 8, at Christ's Church, Simla, by the Rev J G S Syms, Allan Lytton Ramsay Dawe, son of the late W H Dawe, to Daisy Minna, daughter of Mr and Mrs W E Parmer.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Mail steamer due at 5 a.m.
Excelsior Cinematograph Novelty Theatre, Special Attractions.—"The Imperial Durbar." Four shows nightly, 5-30 to 6-45, 7 to 8, 8-30 to 9-30, 10 to 11 p.m. Exhibition Cinematograph, continuous performances.
Skating Rink. Practice Session 8 to 9 a. m. Ladies only, 9-30 to 10-30 a. m. Evening session 6 to 8 p.m; night session 9-30 to 11-30.

Maxim: "The man who makes the best of best opportunities is apt to get the best of obstacles."

ENGLISH MAILS.

DEPARTURE.

The P. and O. Co.'s mail steamer "Oceana" leaves Bombay harbour at 2-39 p.m., to-morrow.

SURAT DISPENSARY.—Out patients treated in the Maskati Charitable Dispensary at Kurwa road of Surat, in the month of November were: men, 2,571; women 2,152; children, 1,614; total 6,337.

STRING BAND AT THE PRINCESS GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel P. W. Bonner, V. D., and Officers, the String Band of the 1st Battn., G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers, will play under the direction of Mr. A Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 6 p. m., to-day.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—The following animals have been presented to the zoological collection.—Two Negro Langoor monkeys (Semnopitheous Maurus), one by Mr. H. Hobday, Chief Officer, s. s. "Okara" and another by Mr. C. Brown, 3rd officer, of the same ship.

A KHALASI'S DEATH.—Yesterday, at the G. T. Hospital, Mr. E. T. Lambert, the Coroner, held an inquest touching the death of one Jalal, a Mahomedan, working on board the s.s. "Pandwa." It appeared from the evidence that on Wednesday noon the deceased was found lying unconscious in the coal bunker of the vessel. He was removed to hospital where he died in the afternoon without regaining consciousness. Medical evidence showed that death was due to fracture of the base of the skull. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to fracture of the base of the skull due to a fall, but how he came to fall, there was no evidence to show.

BOMBAY TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the members of the above society was held at their rooms opposite the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Byculla, on the evening of the 19th inst., when its Vice-President Mr. C. D. Panday presided. The purpose for which the meeting was convened, having been explained viz., the election of officers for the ensuing year 1912, it was unanimously resolved to elect Mr. T. S. Dawson, Principal of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute as President of the Association; Mr. C. D. Panday, manager of the Emperor-Edward Mills, was elected as Vice-President; Messrs. D. A. Gair and A. B. Darookhanawala were nominated as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. A new Managing Committee of five members consisting of Messrs. W. T. Pomfret, K. M. Mehta, R. H. Bamji, M. M. Bhutt and W. B. Soman, was also elected.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

YESTERDAY, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, one Maganlal Gulabchand was charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of a diamond valued at Rs. 40. Mr. Mohanlal Desai, pleader, defended the accused. The charge, against the accused, was that he took the diamond on approval for a customer from one Thakorelal Harilal and did not return it. The defence was that the accused had taken the diamond on approval, and would have returned it but for the fact that he was in the meantime sentenced in another case, and hence he could not return it. He produced the diamond in Court. The accused was acquitted.

ALLEGED COINING.

YESTERDAY at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, the further hearing was resumed of the case in which one Vithal Harjivan was charged with uttering a false coin and with being in possession of instruments for counterfeiting coins. The case for the prosecution was that a few days ago the accused tendered a false rupee to a hawker and asked for change. The latter gave him the change, but on handling the rupee he felt it to be of short weight. The coin, also, did not ring true. The accused, thereupon, offered to take back the rupee, but he was handed over to the police. On the accused's place of residence being searched, implements for coining counterfeit coins were found.
The accused was committed to take his trial at the Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

Bombay Branch.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—A trip has been arranged to inspect to the H. M. S. "Cochrane," part of the Royal Escort now lying in Bombay Harbour. Members and Associates are requested to be present at the Apollo Bunder at 3-45 p.m. on Sunday next, the 24th instant, to meet the ship's boats, and lady friends may be invited. It is hoped that the attendance will be good, as the H. M. S. "Cochrane" is the largest warship now in Bombay, and the following particulars may prove of interest:—

Displacement 13,550 Tons Complement 704 Men
Length 480' (only 10' less than H.M.S. "Dreadnought") Speed 22.5 knots
Coal capacity 1,000 Tons Indicated Horse Power 22,500
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Yours, &c,
A. M. Reith,
Joint Honorary Secretary.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Stations at Las Palmas, Cadiz and Barcelona were opened for public service on the 27th November. They will not only be available for communication with ships but will also carry on a telegraphic service between the Canary Islands and Spain and between Cadiz and Barcelona. These are the first three stations to be opened of the large network of wireless telegraph stations which the Marconi Company is erecting in Spain and the Canary Islands.

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THE LADIES' CORNER.

WOMAN'S MORAL CONSCIENCE.

Last week says ambrosia in the "World" of mail week, I referred to a letter which had just appeared in a daily paper on the subject of woman's sense of honour. The writer, who confessed herself a woman, declared that her sex possessed no code of honour and consequently did not understand when they were playing a mean trick. Indeed, we are to infer that even when they do understand they consider themselves justified by circumstances in pursuing such a line of conduct. At no time, I venture to say, would so sweeping a statement have been justified. But in the present day it certainly cannot be substantiated. This is an age when "cattiness" is only practised by the weak and foolish. We bring up our girls to have the courage of their opinions and to "play fair," and during the progress of the woman's movement we have seen how splendidly women can work with each other and how loyally they can stand together. Even their masculine opponents have been impressed by the strength of character they have displayed, and most certainly whenever women are placed in any position of trust they are always found to be most faithful to it. What is honour, by the way? It has been defined as moral conscience, but it is something, I think, that is less definable and is most emphatically not the prerogative of one sex. Men always declare that women are more intuitive than they, and surely their finer instinct must stand them in good stead where we should say a sense of honour is needed. Men, at least, can hardly accuse women of being less honourable than themselves. Many a sister has endured lifelong shame and sorrow to shield an erring brother; how many have for ever held their peace concerning unworthy lovers! and if any man is in a through "mess," of whom can he be surer as a confidant than a woman whom he counts a true friend?

—AND THE SUGGESTED "CODE."

But I maintain that it is not only towards the other sex that women display a sense of honour. They can be, and are, true in thought, word, and deed to each other. Any woman who has no woman friend whom she can implicitly trust is herself untrustworthy. That is my experience. As to a cut-and-dried "code," surely a woman's own ideals form all the code she requires. It a woman does not instinctively feel that to do this would be to behave like a "cat" that to do that would be mean and disloyal that the other would be a course which in no possible circumstances could be followed by anyone who hoped for respect either from herself or others, then not fifty codes will help her. It has been said that you cannot make people moral by Act of Parliament; neither is it possible by hard-and-fast rules to give folk that innate sense of justice, consideration for other straight-forwardness—and, for lack of a better word, I must add tact—which we call honour. Can it be taught to boys? By no means. Nor is it inborn in every male. But while some men—I will not say all, because the men who best understand women are ready to admit that the sexes are equal in this respect—declare that women have less sense of honour than themselves, I am bound to say that few of them seem to recognise when a woman is behaving like a "cat" so long as she does not interfere with them. Indeed, one is sometimes inclined to think their axiom is, "What care I what she is to anyone else, so long as she is fair to me?" I have received the following most interesting letter from Princess Bariatinsky, known in theatrical circles as Madame Lydia Yavorska, who is at present playing at the Kingsway Theatre:

Dear Ambrosia,—It surprised me very much to read in your columns last week that "a lady who confesses to being a leader of society, and experienced in the ways of her sex, has addressed a letter to a daily contemporary on the subject of the need for a code of honour among women." I can hardly conceive that a nation so great as England can require for their women that a "code of honour" should be made. It is news to me that English women are dishonourable. The public school has indeed its great and wonderful influence, but it can rarely eradicate from the boy's mind the lessons he absorbed at his mother's knee. In Russia an accusation such as this would never have been made. With the intellectual classes in Russia the women are in

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Querimba, 4,927 tons, Captain W. B. Smith, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal.

The Asiatic S. N. Co's steamer Pasha, 3,956 tons, Captain H. Elliott, arrived in harbour on Wednesday from Soumbaya, November 21, with a cargo of sugar and timber.

The steamer Elsmoor, 2,390 tons, Captain W Evans, sailed yesterday for Port Said, with a general cargo for orders.

The Hansa Line steamer Stolzenfels, 3,554 tons, Captain B. Von Theilen, sailed yesterday for Calcutta &c., with a general and same bottom cargo.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Okara, 3,438 tons, Captain F. L. Mouth, sailed yesterday for Karachi with the same bottom cargo.

H. M. S. Perseus, Commander A. H. C. Horne, sailed yesterday for Portsmouth with the ex-crew H. M. S. Perseus, and Sphinx.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

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Kazara .....504 King .....M M & Co
Maloja .....6783 Wiston.....London ...P & O Co
Nursai.....2870 Crebbir...Calcutta....T M & Co
Pandua.....2125 McDiarmid.....M M & Co
Pasha .....3958 Elliott .....T M & Co
Querimba.....4757 Smith.....M M & Co
Towergate .....2358 Jackson....W & A Graham & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.—Dec. 21.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Dest.	Date.	Agents.
A Pentakota	2209	Stewart	Durban		M M & Co
B Hindoo	3156	Groves	Hull	22-12	Finlay & Co
D&E Hurst	2997	Moody	Liverpool	25-12	W & A G & Co
F Clan Gordon	2285	Gray	Madras	25-12	J Finlay & Co
G Naseri	912	Watson	P Gulf	27-12	B & P S N Co
H Presedent	2086	Bremer	Zanzibar	2-1-12	A Strandes & Co
K Hakata Maru	3819	Nomura	Kobe	29-12	N Y Kaisha
M Oceana	3507	Jones	Aden	23-12	P & O Co
N Peebles	2732	Wallace	Hull	31-12	W & A Graham & Co.
Q Newbridge	2397	Wellett	Antwerp	20-12	W & A G & Co
Q Umzambi	2138	Rivios	London	30-12	W & A G & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

2	Circassia	4328	Osborne	L'pool	W & A G & Co
3	Elsmoor	2390	Evans	Port Said	20-12 Ralli Bros
4	Brodstone	3069	Martin	Antwerp	23-12 W & A G & Co
5	Koerberg	3164	Foreste	Trieste	1-1-12 A L S N Co
9	Ardcarroch	3160	England	Hull	K N & Co
10&11	Chyebassa	3991	Wadge	Ant.	2-1-12 M M & Co
12&13	Persia	4954	Haughton	London	13-1-12 P & O Co

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ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels	Commanders	From
20	Paaba	Elliott	Shaya, Nov 21
21	Querimba	Smith	Calcutta, Dec 9

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
21	Cuyahaga	Allerathsen	Port Said
	Dumra	Morrison	Persian Gulf
	Yarra	Rosati	Marseilles
	H M S Pelorus	Horne	Portsmouth
	Stolzenfels	Von Thulen	Calcutta, &c
	Okara	Mouth	Karachee

The steamer Chyebassa, entered for loading yesterday for Antwerp, &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	From.
13	Woodbridge	Bunbury.
14	Holywell	London
16	Wdenfels	Middlesbr
17	Dilwara	Negapatam.
18	Tosca	Straits
18	Cln Macpherson	Coast
19	Gulistan	Calcutta
19	Nigaristan	London
19	Dunera	Rangoon

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Habsburg, from Bombay, arrived at Aden on the 21st instant.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY COLONEL R. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 22nd December.

1155. To-day Friday, the 22nd instant—All Recruits of the current season to parade at Head-quarters at 6-30 p.m.

1158. Musketry—The Range at Ghat Kopar is allotted for Class-firing as follows:—(For all Class-firing members will take their sickarms to the Range).
Wednesday, the 27th inst. "A" Coy. (Pessoice)
Thursday, the 28th inst. "D" Coy.
Friday, the 29th inst. "F" Coy.
Sunday, the 31st inst. "G" Coy.
Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6-10 a.m.

1159. The Delhi Contingent members will please return to Head-Quarters without delay all Special issues of clothing and equipment in their possession.

1160.—A Proficiency Class will be started on Monday the 8th Jan 1912, those wishing to appear this season should submit their names to the Adjutant at once.

R. G. J. BYRNE, Captain,
Adjt. B. V. R.

NOTICE.

Rifle Club matches 25 to 28 will be fired at Ghat Kopar on Saturday, the 30th December, by train leaving Victoria Terminus at 6-10 a. m. I V R A matches will be open on this day.

The Miniature Rifle Matches 25 to 27 will be fired on the Miniature Range at Carnac Road on Friday the 29th from 3 to 5 p.m. and Sunday the 31st instant from 9 to 11 a.m.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. BOUGHTON CHAMBERS, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay, 22nd December.

312. Annual Camp of Exercise—The Annual Camp of Exercise will be held at Mahalaxmi Battery from Saturday 17th, to Sunday 25th February, 1912.

313. Parades—There will be no parade on Saturday, 23rd instant.

317. Musketry—Spoon Competition at Ghat Kopar on Sunday 24th inst. on the G I P Rly Vol RifleRange Train will leave Victoria Terminus at 6-30 a.m.
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Adjt. B. V. A.

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By
EMMA BROOKE.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES,
By
LADY KNIGHTLEY OF FAWSLEY.

THE CHRISTMAS OF THE WASTREL.
By
TOM GALLON.

THE DIAMOND BROOCH.
By
THOMAS COBB.

THE WOMAN AND THE CHILD,
By
ANNE WARNER.

THE STORM IN THE NIGHT,
By
CHARLES EDWARDES.

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By
A MACLURE WARNOCK.

SOME UNEXPLAINED GHOST STORIES,
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Friday, 22nd December, 1911.

THE EASTERN AVENUE.

THE Government of Bombay in its resolution concerning the Eastern Avenue effectually disposes of all opposition, and makes out a good case for abandoning the old and better scheme and giving us the cheaper. A capacious road from one end of the island to the other has for long been a pressing need both, in the interests of improvement and communication, and notwithstanding the futile opposition recently offered by the Corporation, Government is able to show that that body had already appeared the principle long before the scheme was drafted on paper. His Excellency in Council places on record his emphatic dissent from the view which pervades the Corporation's letter on the subject, namely that the new street is designed merely as an æsthetic ornament to the city. Such a view, says the resolution, is based upon an entire misconception of the genesis of this scheme. We should say wilful misconception, but let that pass. After the most careful deliberation on questions connected with the economic development of Bombay, in which æsthetic considerations were left entirely out of account, Government came to the conclusion that one of the most urgent needs was a broad line of communication to connect the busy commercial centre in the south of the Island with the northern areas where the mill industry is located, where there are wide areas available for occupation and now coming under development, and where a new trade centre is shortly to be created. In this conclusion, Government had the strong support of the Corporation itself. The scheme, Government is convinced, is well adapted in all respects to serve the purpose in view. So it is, but the Abdul Rehman street scheme was more so. Government deals with the objections to the scheme seriatim and Mr. Orr, who is the father of it, triumphs, as indeed he deserves, for it is a carefully studied, well prepared project.

The dislodgement of the Memon community, which was made the subject of a representation to Government, is one of the most serious objections to the scheme and the Trust is sensible of the hardship which will be inflicted on certain sections of Memons who will be displaced by the operations of the scheme. The trustees, therefore, resolved to do all they can to reduce this hardship to a minimum by offering displaced Memons the first refusal of sites at the disposal of the Board of sufficient area to re-house at least as many as may be displaced by the operation of the scheme. The work of demolition will be carried out gradually, and the traders and others will have ample time to find accommodation elsewhere. Such damage as may be done will be made good, and the estimated cost of acquisition is sufficient to provide compensation. A remark of the petitioners that "it is unwise to rely on promises which have not yet crystallized into tangible assets" refers presumably to the proposed legislation for the remission of the three per cent. interest on the capital debts due by the Board. But this remission has not been taken into account in financing the scheme.

The Governor in Council in the resolution disclaims any desire unduly to minimize the hardships entailed upon any community whose property comes under demolition in the course of town improvements. But they are reminded that full compensation is paid in all cases, and in the case of this scheme, there is ample vacant land belonging to the Trust in the immediate neighbourhood, where the displaced population can find space to settle. Thus for the road itself less than eight and a half per cent. of the area occupied by Memons will be required. Acquisition will extend to ninety of their houses covering an area of 14,300 square yards, while within one-quarter of a mile of the present Memonwada, the Trust have available for occupation no less than 26,558 square yards, and the present floor area of houses to be demolished is, at least, 84,000 square feet less than can now be provided. The resolution is very convincing and we do not marvel that the Governor-in-Council having closely examined all the objections urged against the scheme, explained at length the reasons that have led Government to overrule these objections, and set out the grounds that influence him in according sanction to it, His Excellency congratulates the Hon'ble Mr. Orr and his officers on the care and ability that have been displayed in preparing and bringing forward this scheme. His Excellency also conveys to the Improvement Trust Board his appreciation of their wise foresight in adopting the scheme with only one dissentient vote. And so we presume the work will be taken in hand with no more delay than is necessary, but we suppose it would be now too late to request the King to cut the first sod or blow up the first wall before his departure on January 10. As the avenue is to be known as Kingsway nothing could be more appropriate.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON, through the medium of an interviewer, has made an appeal in aid of the British Antarctic Expedition fund which is in need of £15,000 for Captain Scott. This sum is required in consequence of the loss of stores and damage to the vessel on her voyage south, and also by the fact that he has unexpectedly come across Captain Amundsen, who set out with the intention of securing for Norway the honour of being the first to reach the South Pole. According to Sir Ernest Shackleton, if Captain Scott stays out another year he will require that amount of money, and it would be indefensible, the circumstances being what they are, to compel him to return when so much money, time, and effort have already been expended. Even if his work had no intrinsic value, every effort made in a scientific line is ultimately for the good of the world. The appeal is not for the benefit of Captain Scott, but for the world at large. Captain Scott is the binocular through which the whole public looks at the Southern landscape. "He is the instrument for discovery. This is no personal matter." Both the North and the South Polar regions are imperfectly known as yet, and it is on their meteorological conditions that those of the temperate zones are dependent. "We are the richest country in the world, and in supporting expeditions such as these we are only doing our duty to the heritage that is given to us. The magnetic work alone is of the highest value, because it helps to make still more accurate the magnetic charts. In the Polar regions we are near the focus of magnetic intensity, and we are able to draw the magnetic lines out into the temperate regions. Accurate magnetic charts mean the saving of coal, time, wages, and money by enabling ships to steer a safe, steady, and straight course." Though Captain Scott's Expedition must be near the South Pole at the present time, his desire is to continue if possible the scientific work for another year or so. In view of this, as well as from the record-breaking point of view, it is necessary to give all the support possible to the British Expedition.

THE FIRST DEFEAT.

THE first test match has been decided, and after a game which lasted six days the Englishmen were beaten by the generous margin of 146 runs. It is the first defeat of the tour, and while we accept the obvious lesson of the game—that the best team won on the week's play—sporting instinct will not be offended if we remark that our team lacked P.F. Warner and Hitch. Still, 146 runs mean a lot especially in the conditions that obtain "down under," and it is possible for Australians to argue that even if this pair of fine players had been able to do duty for their team they would not have made so much difference. This is a point, however, which need not be laboured. England has been beaten, and well beaten at that and all that is left is to look for victory in the second venture. Nor do we think that in the first defeat we need see cause for shame or even sorrow. For, after all, we have been beaten by our own pupils, so to speak, and pupils who are still children of the motherland. The result therefore reflects as much credit on English cricket as if it had been otherwise, a fact which we may take for our consolation. Naturally, we should like to have won, for all good sportsmen hope to win. The gloomy report of Warner's health, cabled a fortnight ago—to the effect that he would never play cricket again—has fortunately been amended, and we are now told that he may possibly play in the fifth of the test matches, that is if there is a fifth. No news is to hand, however, regarding Hitch, a bowler much relied upon, and almost as great a source of strength to the team as Warner himself.

THE CRETAN QUESTION.

INDICATIONS are not wanting that trouble is once more pending in that storm-riven little island—Crete. Some time ago the statement was circulated that Greece and Turkey had arrived at an understanding to the effect that the Cretan question should not be raised for ten years. Desirable as such an arrangement would be, unfortunately, M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, has denied its existence and has, furthermore, declared that the present situation is disquieting, inasmuch as the leader of the Cretan Assembly thinks the present an opportune moment to seek to compel the Protecting Powers, and Greece herself, to accept a Cretan deputy at Athens, which would lead to certain war with Turkey. The Athens Cabinet had not failed, the Premier said further, to point out the dangers of such an attitude, and the Assembly had decided to confine itself to sending a memorandum to the Protecting Powers. With this view, however, the more militant of the Cretans are in conflict, and, so we are told, have decided to pursue their object by revolutionary means. To this the Greek Cabinet have made an uncompromising reply to the effect that it would not in any case tolerate the presence of a Cretan in the Greek Chamber. But it is significant that the Greeks do not base this attitude on a general desire for peace, for in making the statement, the Premier gave as the reason "... not being able to engage in war at a moment when it was carrying out a reform of the army and the finances of the country." At present the cloud is no bigger than a man's hand, but small clouds have so frequently developed into serious storms that the question will not fail to attract widespread attention in Europe. News by the last mail tells us that armed meetings were to be held in Crete, on Sunday, December 3rd, and every thing goes to show that without strong, but tactful treatment—for which neither Turkey nor Greece has ever been remarkable—the issue will be serious. The question of direct Cretan representation in the Greek Chamber was fought out very sharply two or three years ago, when the Porte made it distinctly understood that it would have none of it.

IRISH HOME RULE.

THE attitude adopted by Sir Clifford Cory, the Liberal Member for the St. Ives division of Cornwall, is an uncomfortable aid to the recalling of the memories of 1886. It was at first announced that Sir Clifford intended to resign his seat, but this has since been contradicted. What has happened is that he has resigned the presidency of the Cardiff Liberal Association, an office he has held for some years, and he has done so as a protest against the invitation to Mr. John Redmond to visit that city. Although in other respects a strong Liberal, Sir Clifford Cory is a pronounced opponent of Irish Home Rule, and it is fairly obvious from his attitude that when Mr. Asquith introduces the measure in the House of Commons, Sir Clifford will either seek afresh the suffrages of his constituency or vote directly with the Unionists holding that he will be entitled to do so, if the Government pushes the measure without making a fresh appeal to the country. Cornwall is fairly Liberal in its tendencies, but in 1886, when the party divided on Mr. Gladstone's measure the *debacle* was as complete in the tin county as in other parts of England. Some of the constituencies were so shaken that, ever since, they have alternated between each party, notably such important divisions as Falmouth and Penryn,—once always Liberal,—Truro-Helston, and St. Ives, Sir Clifford's present constituency. The chances are, too, that Sir Clifford is not alone in his objection, and that when the time comes other members of the Commons who, while the Bill was in the background, were content to sail along smoothly with their party, will not be so quiescent as the time for its introduction draws near. It would be unwise, of course, to predict a repetition of the split of 1885-1886, for it is not probable; but it is certainly open to belief that when the House of Commons despatches the measure on its adventurous voyage to the House of Lords, it will not be by a Liberal-Labour majority. Which fact in itself will provide the Upper House with a weapon of considerable potency.

THE Bank of Bombay yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 5 per cent.

THE Bank of Bengal rate of interest remains at 5 per cent.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Arabia" with the homeward mails of the 16th instant, arrived at Aden at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

WE regret to learn that Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Presidency Magistrate, is lying seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia.

IT is expected that the United Provinces will get an Executive Council before next cold weather.

IT is probable that during the Royal Visit to Calcutta the name of the Governor of the Presidency of Bengal, will be made known.

IT is understood that Lord Hardinge will pay a visit to Lucknow, during the month of February.

TUESDAY, the 9th January, has been fixed for the Port Trustees' annual inspection of the Bombay Port Trust works in progress.

DURING the week ending December 19, 1,609 ½ chests of opium were removed from the Government Warehouse, Bombay. Of these 1,606 ½ were shipped per s. s. "Delta" to China and three were purchased by the farmer at Surat. During the same period 546 chests were imported into Bombay from Indore.

MR. D. T. ROBERTSON, and a party of 30 American tourists from Los Angeles, (Cal.) arrived at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay, on Wednesday, from the Durbar, Delhi, en route, on a 12 months' tour around the world. After a week's stay, viewing the sights of Bombay, they proceed to Ceylon and Egypt. Mr. Robertson is a native of Perth, Scotland, and is now on his seventh tour around the world.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay, during the week ending Dec. 16, was 637, giving a death-rate of 33·87. per annum per thousand as against 31·42 the corresponding period of last year, and 32·01 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 78 died from fevers; 5, plague; 2, small-pox; 1, measle; 2, cholera; 1, leprosy; 38, phthisis; 41, diseases of the nervous system; 194, affections of the respiratory organs; 45, diarrhœa; 20, dysentery; 34, still-born; 80; old age and debility; and 16, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 32; Brahmin, 26; Lingaet, 1; Bhattia, 5; Hindu of other caste, 290; Hindu low caste, 82; Musalman, 144; Parsi, 28; Jew, 2; Native Christian, 19; Eurasian, 1; European, 4; Negro-African, 1; and other and unknown castes, 2. The total number of births was 477 as against 443 for the corresponding period of last year, and 458 the average over the past five years.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Dec. 1.

SERVANT TAX.

The subject of mistresses and maidservants, masters and menservants, with the ladies an easy first, is so completely monopolising public attention that I feel it would be unheard-of temerity not to give the question of the hour a passing allusion. Such agitations are always a mystery to me. I begin by agreeing with the agitators. Then I am troubled by their unanimity. "When they do agree, their unanimity is wonderful," and "when every one agrees with me, I begin to think I must be wrong," are the sentiments that appropriately recur to me at such a moment, and they only add to my distrust. If I read what is actually said in the House of Commons, I cannot help noticing that it is often quite different from what the paper say has been said in the House of Commons. More distrust on my part. It is quite natural that people should encourage a hatred of a "reform" that means a lot of unpleasantness. But there is one argument that I dislike particularly: "I am never ill. Why should I contribute to a fund that is to benefit people who are often ill?" That is a very selfish argument. However, the whole thing is an admirable example of how very admirably women can organise a protest when their sense of injustice is thoroughly awake.

QUEENS AND MOTHERS.

"What have you women to do with queens!" asked the Archbishop of York the other day, when talking to a congregation of women (at a Mother's Union) about the home life and motherly attributes of our good Queen Mary. We give the answer to the question in his own words: "If you are mothers, you are queens," he said, "so you have everything to do with queens." It is well that mothers should be reminded of their responsibilities sometimes. Responsibility may be shirked, but there it is. Every mother has her own kingdom, over which it is her duty and her right to rule. No one can question her place or authority. Each mother in her own home is queen, and queen by right divine. Yes, we mothers are all queens, but do we always act up to our queenly privileges? Nearly all children, when they are very young, look up to their mothers as something perfect and beautiful. Disillusions and comparisons may come later, but this is how it is at the start if mothers are only ordinarily good and loving. Besides, Nature helps. Numbers of children can recall the time when they thought their mothers—and fathers too, so far as that goes—were quite sinless. A sort of idea prevailed that naughtiness was confined to children, and that grown-ups became good inevitably and automatically. There are mothers who, knowing themselves to be greatly loved, and, as it were, put upon a pedestal, are filled with a deep sense of their own unworthiness, and so are led to try to be in reality all that they are thought to be.

CHINA.

A propos of the revolution that seems to be at present raging in China, it may not be uninteresting to recall (even if only by way of contrast, though the very fact of the meeting itself showed the trend of the age) that in the Imperial City, on the 17th of May of this year in the picturesque Palace of the Kalachins at the foot of the Coal Hill, took place a most interesting literary, artistic and musical conversazione, to which the members of the Ladies' Club, of which Princess Kalachin is foundress and leading spirit invited their friends—Chinese and foreign. The club itself is one of the signs of the times. It unites ladies of Society and position with professional women on a common basis of mutual self-improvement, similar interests and aims, patriotic and philanthropic, the monthly fees are put so low that no one need be barred from membership on the score of expense. Meetings are held regularly once a month and attendance is compulsory, or a sufficient reason for absence must be given. Special care is taken to ensure that the characters and antecedents of the members be beyond reproach. One rule requiring members to appear at the meetings "decently apparelled" reads rather quaintly to foreign ears, but to Chinese opinion it is merely evidence of the wide range of society included in the club membership. The Ladies' Club, at the enjoyable reunion before mentioned, entertained a large and most representative gathering. The ladies of the Corps Diplomatique, in their latest Parisian gowns, were eclipsed by Princess Kung and her sister-in-law, in the beautiful shimmery brocades, the pearls and flowers of the imposing "two-ended headdress" of the Manchus. The strangely unattractive short coat and tight trousers of the modern woman student and teacher were not badly matched by a few ultra-missionary skirts and blouses. The graceful pleated skirt and easy coat of the South seemed half-way on the road to the wholly Western garb affected by the English speaking Chinese making such good use of the tennis-courts.

DINNERS.

We have had two instances of "forward" and "backward" feeling on the subject of public banquets within the same number of days. At the Savoy Hotel, a banquet in aid of the building fund of the Bedford College for Women was not only attended by lady guests, but the chairman, Lord Haldane, invited them to smoke! Ladies have also been invited to a dinner which is to be given shortly by a distinguished London club. At this dinner, however, the ladies will not sit with men to enjoy the good food and drink. Places have been allotted them in the gallery where they can hear the masterly after-dinner speeches of the men. To the ladies, however, they will not be "after-dinner" speeches, for they are only to be served with cakes, tea and coffee, and lemonade. This particular dinner has been made the scapegoat, but it appears that the custom of inviting ladies to dinner on the above terms is increasing rather than decreasing. Several distinguished men of the world condemn the custom as "barbaric," but Mrs. Harold Gorst puts her finger on the real cause of offence when she says, "I cannot imagine any self-respecting woman submitting to the indignity of such a dinner." As women are not unwelcome at public banquets as equals (e.g., the Bedford College dinner), they ought not to be unwelcome in the same capacity at dinners which have not a financial object. If they are—and I quite understand that there are occasions when a dinner confined to men is appropriate—they ought not to encourage a relic of barbarism by being present in the gallery.

A RECTOR AT 94.

The following is such an unusual incident, that I must send an account of it to you. The Berkshire village of Aston-Tirrold yesterday paid picturesque tribute to two members of its little community whose joint lives can have few, if any, parallel in length or in local fidelity. The Rev. Sir John Hoskyns, Bart., and Lady Hoskyns are each in their ninety-fifth year, and each bears the brunt of time without sign of impending surrender. But they are to take four months' holiday in Bournemouth, and the villagers chose the occasion to plant two trees in their honour on the village recreation ground. Sir John Hoskyns has been rector of the parish for sixty-six years. "They be a hundred and ninety years old," said an onlooker as the rector came on to the field followed by his wife in a bath-chair drawn by a donkey. The first train Sir John saw was the train which took him to Oxford in "the hungry forties," and he became rector when, as he recalls, labourers were receiving 6s. a week, and the Corn Law agitation was reaching its height. It was an interesting historical contrast that the ceremony of planting the trees in honour of the rector was opened by the chairman of the county council and a chief organiser of small holdings for the county council. It was a moving spectacle when the old rector, as erect as any soldier, walked between the lines of villages, and taking a heavy shovel in hand began to fill up the hole, where a lime tree was being held up. It was intended that he should deliver one shovelful; but the old man of ninety-four was not content with this. He worked ahead quickly and vigorously, taking good shovelfuls till the special heap of earth was almost cleared. "I like to do my part," he said, as he straightened his straight back and looked affectionately at the tree. A sister tree was also planted by Lady Hoskyns, who handled the same shovel for the purpose. In recalling his village experiences, Sir John Hoskyns said that "everything was better now" in the villages.

PARIS IN LONDON.

We shall soon have no need to make trips to Paris, as most of the best French shops have now opened houses of their own in London. Worth arrived last month, and now Boue Sœurs, of the Rue de la Paix, are in a fine set of rooms in Conduit-street. And their show of frocks and furs seems to be most desirable. They are smart and *chic*, but go in for no extremes in either style, shape, or colouring. Their *specialite* may be for what are known as *flou flou* gowns—frocks that are soft, fluffy, and fine, both in texture and trimming. But they also show some practical costumes. I saw a good coat and skirt in dark grey ratine, which had a short narrow skirt and a coat that fitted high and close at the neck, with at the back a sort of flat, pointed collar.

THE LORD MAYOR AT WHITELEY'S.

The splendid new building in Queen's Road, Bayswater, which is to be known as the New Whiteley's, was formally opened to the public on Tuesday last, by the Lord Mayor. For the inaugural luncheon, over which Mr. William Whiteley presided, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress several Members of Parliament, the Chairman of the London County Council, a number of Metropolitan Mayors, and many leading representatives of London commercial life assembled. After the luncheon, the Lord Mayor was presented by Mr. John Lawrie (Managing Director), on behalf of the directors, with a bag containing five hundred sovereigns, to be applied at his discretion to any of the Mansion House charities. Then the Lord Mayor proceeded to the marble staircase, where he declared the building open. The first purchase was made by the Lady Mayoress, who bought a beautiful gold chain-purse. A notable feature of the new building is the great dome—the largest in Great Britain—which lights the main building and the floors surrounding the well of the dome. Every imaginable convenience for the shopper is found here, and there are twenty-four passenger lifts to serve the one hundred and fifteen separate departments. Great stress is laid by Whiteley's on the fact that it is British building in conception, design, and execution.

THE BEST PART OF CHRISTMAS.

I wonder what part of Christmas you like best? There are so many nice things about it, I shouldn't know which to choose if I might only have one. Should you? To begin with, it's most frightfully interesting deciding what presents to make for mother and daddy, and then it's awfully difficult to buy the materials and make the presents without leaving little odds and ends of silk lying about that you have been working with, and so letting them find out all about the pincushion for mother and the tobacco-pouch for daddy, especially if the pouch takes a long time to make, like one I worked last Christmas, with a design of two pipes and a tobacco jar on it. They looked so like real pipes when they were finished that grandpapa (he hasn't got very good eyes) thought one of them was his pipe, and actually tried to pick it up! Then there are all the cards to buy, and it is really very difficult, because you must choose the right cards for the right people. Fancy, for instance, sending Uncle William a card with an impertinent-looking clown and harlequin on it and lots of sausages? I feel sure he would be offended at once. Nurse likes them with church windows and angels; but angels are so difficult to find, and Bobby loves them with heaps of snowballing or sliding, and Norah likes kittens with pink bows, if possible, though sometimes they have to be blue when all the pink are sold. So, you see, card-choosing can't be done in a hurry. It's best to go when the holidays have begun, or else it is always just time to go home to lessons when you are finding exactly what you have been hunting for all the time.

I hope you all give a stir to the Christmas puddings when they are being made. This is a most important part of Christmas. You want a strong arm for it, and a good-natured cook, or else she probably won't have you in the kitchen. You must wish hard as you stir if you want good luck and be sure to remind mother to give cook the sixpennies, threepennies, thimble, and all the other good things that make Christmas puddings taste quite unlike anything else. That, of course, makes you a little anxious about baby's helping on Christmas Day, because he would be certain to swallow the thimble if he got it so he must be carefully watched. I love the carol-singers too, especially when they sing "Hark the Herald." It is such fun taking out the money to them, because sometimes it is snowing quite hard, and everything looks white and lovely. Christmas, I know, wouldn't look nice without decorations, but how it makes your arms ache, particularly if they are rather short and the evergreens have to go in very high placend but everything looks so pretty when it is finished that a few aching arms shouldn't count, also if you are really careful, you needn't keep fanging off the steps in trying to arrange the wreating nicely. The most tremendously exciting thild of all, to my mind, is hanging up your stocking on Christmas Eve. If I were you, I shouus borrow one of Uncle Charley's golf stockings of he will lend it—some uncles won't!). Y of will find that it holds much more than one no your own—only do make certain there are h) holes in it; it is simply dreadful to find your nuts and sweets all over the floor on Christmas morning! Doesn't it seem wonderful that although you go to bed on Christmas Eve leaing your stocking hanging limp and thin at te bottom of the bed, yet in the morning you will wake to find it fat and bulging with lots of odd bumps and lumps in it, which mean such interesting things presents that you have wanted a very long time, and had almost given up hope of saving up enough pocket-money to buy—boxes of chocolates, nuts, and crackers? I can't exactly remember what else. But it won't be long before Christmas is here, and then you will see for yourself!

THE CHINESE REVOLT.

EFFORTS TO SECURE PEACE.

Appeal by Foreign Consuls at Shanghai.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.

In consequence of the Peace Conference deadlock, the Consuls-General of the Powers have made unofficial representations to the Imperial and Revolutionary representatives urging them to arrive at a speedy understanding in the interests of all concerned.

Wu-Ting Tang has replied that a hasty peace, not according to the wishes of the people; would probably lead to a more serious outbreak.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The *Times*, in an article on the Chinese Revolution, says that the effective power of the Manchus is doubtless gone for ever. The safest way to lasting reform will be under the nominal authority of the Dragon Throne. The step of the Powers at Shanghai ought to silence the talk of intervention, which might involve dangers to the peace of the world.

The *Times* adds that abstention from intervention involves abstention from lending money to either party. No loan can fairly be made until a stable Government is re-established. The best security, therefore, will be compromise between the contending parties.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

President Taft's Abrogation Endorsed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.

The House of Representatives has endorsed President Taft's abrogation of the Russo-American Commercial Treaty. There was one dissentient.

President Taft, in his message to Congress with reference to the immediate revision of wool schedules downwards, says there is ample reason for such a revision, particularly with regard to raw wool.

President Taft recommends that the Tariff Board be made permanent in order that it may treat each schedule of tariff like a wool schedule. The message is expected to lead to the fiercest political battle of the session.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

An Important Development.

TEHERAN, Dec. 21.

The Mejliss, by 39 votes to 19, has accepted the proposal of the Foreign Minister in favour of the appointment of a commission of five deputies, invested with plenary powers, to deal with the question of the Russian Ultimatum. This is regarded as an important victory for the Government, and there appears little doubt that Persia will now yield to Russia's demands with regard to Mr. Shuster.

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

Statement of the Premier.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 21.

Count Khuen-Hedervary, Prime Minister, speaking in the Lower House yesterday, said the resignation of General von Hoetzendorff, Chief of the General Staff, which was attributed to friction with Count von Aehrenthal, was due purely military reasons and in no way connected with efforts being made in certain military circles to bring about a dissolution of the alliance with Italy. Austria's foreign policy, continued the Prime Minister, was unaltered, and he trusted that the Triple Alliance would remain undisturbed.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN TURKEY.

Powers of the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.

The proposal of the Government to modify the constitution and give the Sultan unrestricted power to dissolve Parliament led to a most furious debate in Turkey's parliamentary history. It developed into a violent Opposition onslaught on the Government and the party of Progress, the position of which has been seriously jeopardised.

The Minister of War appealed for concord, otherwise Turkey, he said, would share the fate of Morocco and Persia.

Efforts are being made to form a coalition Government.

CIVIL SUIT AGAINST THE GAEKWAR.

Dismissed under International Law

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Sir Bargrave Deane has dismissed the Gaekwar of Baroda from the suit, Statham vs. Statham and the Gaekwar of Baroda, on the ground that, according to International Law, a reigning sovereign cannot, against his will, be made a party to suits in our courts, though he may sue if he chooses.

Sir Bargrave Deane reviewed the history of Baroda, and read a certificate from the India Office testifying that the Gaekwar is a Ruling Chief under the suzerainty of His Majesty.

LABOUR UNREST AT HOME.

Christmas Likely to be Marred.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Labour unrest threatens to mar Christmas in the Scottish and Welsh coalfields, where the minimum wage is demanded and also in north-east Lancashire, owing to the members of the Trade Unions objecting to work in the same cotton mills as non-members.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The first shot in the Lancashire struggle was fired at Accrington, where a mill stopped last evening, owing to the refusal of the hands to work with two non-unionists.

The Employers Association meets to-morrow, to consider the situation. The lock-out of a hundred thousand is expected.

The situation at Dundee is quieter and the strikers announce that there are prospects of settlement.

NORTH AYRSHIRE BYE-ELECTION.

A Unionist Gain.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The result of the North Ayrshire bye-election consequent on the appointment of Mr. Anderson, Liberal member, to be Solicitor-General for Scotland, was as follows:—

Captain Campbell (U).....	7,318
Anderson (L).....	7,047
Unionist majority.....	301

Unionist gain.

MOROCCO AGREEMENT.

Approved by the French Chamber.

PARIS, Dec. 20.

The French Chamber has approved the Morocco Agreement by 393 votes to 36.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

Several deputies from constituencies on the eastern frontier of France abstained from the division in connection with the Franco-German Agreement yesterday, on the ground that they did not wish to subscribe to a Franco-German rapprochement.

THE WRECKED "DELHI."

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Two hundred more bars of silver have been salved from the "Delhi."

FRENCH SOCIAL SCANDAL.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Madame Langevin has been granted a judicial separation from her husband, Professor Langevin, of the Sorbonne, as the result of an action for divorce on the ground of Professor Langevin's alleged misconduct with the famous Madame Curie.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL.

Party Proceeds to Egypt.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 21.

The Princess Royal and her family embarked on the "Macedonia" yesterday evening and are proceeding to Egypt.

CHILO-JAPANESE TRADE.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 21.

The Chilian commissioner appointed to study Chilo-Japanese trade recommends an arrangement, whereby low-priced necessities may be imported from Japan in return for the exportation of nitrates.

THE TEST MATCH.

England Defeated by 146 Runs.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Australia has defeated England in the first test match by 146 runs. The match lasted six days.

The concluding stage was entered upon today in hot weather, only a few persons being present. England had only two wickets to fall, and the innings closed for 291. The wicket showed signs of wear, Hordern took seven wickets for 90 runs.

CIVIL SERVICE ROYAL COMMISSION.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The Government has decided to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the system of appointment and the methods of promotion in the Civil Service.

DEADLY NAVAL GUN BY KRUPPS.

LONDON, Dec.

It is announced that Krupps are manufacturing a 15-inch naval gun which will be the most powerful in existence.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20.

The Opium Conference has entered upon the discussion of the draft of the International Convention, which will be submitted to the Powers for ratification.

PUNJAB KING EDWARD MEMORIAL.

Foundation Stone Laid by Lieut.-Governor.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, Dec. 21.

The laying of the foundation stone ceremony of the Punjab King Edward Memorial was performed by the Lieutenant-Governor this afternoon in the presence of a distinguished gathering consisting of the Chief Court Judges, high Civil and Military Officers and representatives of the Ruling Chiefs, in the compound of the Medical College.

Sir Arthur Reid, Chief Justice and President of the Memorial Committee, read a report giving the history of the memorial and stated that Rs. 15,41,117 had been already promised of which Rs. 10,74,000 had been realised, the balance being due mostly from large donors and easily realisable. But more than the actual amount he said," we value the spirit which underlies the contributions. It is not alone the rich who have come forward, though they have done so nobly, the poor have been equally willing. In the Lahore district which has raised Rs. 1,74,982, no less than thirty-two hundred receipts have been issued to individual subscribers or collectors of small sums and the same feature characteterises the subscription from the other districts. Above all there is a real sacrifice of local sentiment which has been made by many of the districts in the Province in devoting the whole of their contributions to the central instituition."

Sir Louis Dane then addressed the assembly. His Honour said that the sums at their disposal being limited, ten lakhs from the Imperial Government and fifteen lakhs from subscription they should confine themselves more to the main objects of the scheme, improvements of teaching in Medical science and surgery, bacteriological laboratory, and post graduate researches, than in the expansion of the hospital. Hospitals were no doubt most necessary things, but they generally serve local requirements whereas the extension of medical training will benefit the whole Province. His Honour then said that he never intended the memorial to include teaching and training in "Unani," and "Ayurvedic Sciences." All he meant in his speech in July last year was that some provision would be made for researches in these ancient systems. That will be done by the competent Assistant Surgeon in sympathy with these systems. His Honour was however in favour of ancient medical systems. In fact, of all systems of the healing art he has supported recently, is the establishment of a Unani Vedic College at Delhi which would supplement the work of medical relief done by the present Memorial College. His Honor eulogised the work done by the School of Medicine for women at Ludhiana which under the guidance of Dr. Miss Brown was doing splendid work in training qualified lady doctors and midwives. His Honour then laid the foundation stone and the assembly then dispersed with cheers for Their Imperial Majesties.

THE MYSORE MAHARAJA.

Claim for Precedence.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, Dec. 21.

Mysore is still, by relegation of that State, in a position inferior to that of Baroda as indicated by the order in which their rulers came before the King-Emperor at Delhi.

Public meetings are to be held to represent the matter to the King-Emperor through the Secretary of State for India, and the Viceroy. The people of Mysore feel that it is not a personal matter. The question is one of position of the State in regard to other Native States and it concerns the people as well as their Rulers.

The "Madras Mail" says :—"We have much sympathy with the claims put forth by Mysore, but in saying so we should explain that we are not taking into consideration the performances of the present ruler of Baroda as to which we will only remark that they have hardly surprised those who have observed his career and that they have brought on him at length a humiliation which no one will wish to increase. It would be manifestly unfair to visit on the people of a State the consequences of the demeanour of its ruler unless it would be shown that they approved it."

PUNJAB TERRITORY.

Inclusion of Sind Suggested.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, Dec. 21.

The *Tribune* puts forward a suggestion for the transfer of Sind to the jurisdiction of the Punjab. The proposal, it says, was made by the Punjab Government, when the North-Western Frontier Province was formed, but Lord Curzon summarily rejected a very reasonable demand of the Punjab Government. Another slice of the Punjab territory will now be taken away by the creation of Delhi, and some land surrounding it will be merged into the Imperial City.

The paper asks for some compensation to the Punjab to the fresh loss of territory and proceeds "it is no exaggeration to say that the Punjab has been the making of Karachi. The transfer of Sind to the Punjab would give to this Province its natural sea-board and would materially help the expansion and growth of Karachi, as the Punjab Government would be directly interested in enlarging and improving that port. Educated Sindhis would have a larger sphere of activity and influence and the co-operation between the two provinces would have the effect of promoting the material improvement both of Sind and the Punjab."

FAILURE OF A BANGALORE FIRM

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, Dec. 21.

At an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of Messrs. Gow, Ltd., held this evening it was decided to go into voluntary liquidation owing to the lack of capital. Messrs Fraser and Ross, Auditors of Madras, were appointe liquidators. Creditors and holders of debentur stock are likely to recover quite sixteen annas.

THE ABOR CAMPAIGN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Dec. 21.

The General Officer commanding Abor Expedition telegraphs from Yambung on December 20th. that he has sent a message by the Gam of Ponging (right bank of the Dihong) to all neighbouring villages that an officer will be sent to explain to all that no villager will be punished except those guilty of complicity in the murder of Mr. Williamson and party.

YAMBUNG CAMP, Dec. 21.

News having been received that the Gam of Jaru had been killed by the Sissin people on his way into the British Camp and as Jaru is friendly village three hundred rifles of 8th Gurkhas under Major Wilson crossed the Dihong this morning to punish Sissin, co-operating with a Column from Rotung. Sissin, it will be remembered, was occupied by a Column under Capt. Coleridge after the capture of the stockade at Kekar-Monying, some of its warriors having attacked the force the night before and the village had previously been concerned in the outrage in March.

Col. MacIntyre, Inspector of Communications, and Col. Fisher, 2nd Gurkhas, arrived here on the 19th. Three hundred rifles of the 8th Gurkhas under Capt. Coledrige retuned to-day from a reconnaissance beyond Kebang without having encountered any of the enemy. Heavy rain fell during the night and throughout the day.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

Lieut. Pattisson, Essex Regiment, is appointed to the Egyptian Army.

Captain C. O. C. Hunt, Royal Field Artillery, is posted to 59th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, at Hyderabad.

Lieut. S. Perry, 25th Mountain Battery, is posted to No. 77 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, on promotion to Captain.

Captain Toppin, 22nd Mountain Battery, is posted to the Home Establishment.

Major D. G. Blois, Royal Field Artillery, is posted to the 67th Battery, Royal Field Artillery at Neemuch.

Lieut.-Colonel H. R. Cook, No. 5 Mountain Battery, is posted on promotion to the Royal Garrison Artillery at Falmouth.

The following postings of Royal Engineer officers in the Military Works Services are ordered:—

Captain J. S. Barker and L. N. Malan to 4th (Quetta) Division; Captain A. Campbell, Lieut. B. T. Wilson and Nosworthy to Peshawar Division; Lieut. A. H. Trench to Poona Division; Lieut. M. A. H. Scott to Lahore Division; and Lieut R. Robson to Derajat Brigade.

Lieut. Erskine, 104th Heavy Battery, Campbellpore, is transferred to 108th Heavy Battery at Fareham.

Capt. Turnbull, 23rd Pioneers, has been selected to succeed Capt. Owen as Adjutant of the 2nd Battalion, Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles.

THE COTTON CROP.

Affected Seriously by the Drought.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The third General Memorandum on the Cotton Crop of 1911-12 which has been issued today states that the prolonged drought of July and August has seriously affected the crop in the Bombay Presidency and in parts of Northern India. Elsewhere, the character of the season, has, on the whole, been fairly favourable. The total area under cotton in all territories reported were 1,95,24,000 acres as against 2,21,90,000 acres (revised figure) at this date last year, a decrease of 12 per cent. The total outturn is estimated at 31,02,000 bales of 400 lbs, each as against 38,09,000 bales for last year, a decrease of 18.6 per cent. British territory, which usually represents about 6-3 per cent. of the total area returns 1,25,67,000 acres and 21,86,000 bales as against 1,36,24,000 acres and 24,87,000 bales for last year. the Native States report a total area of 69,57,000 acres and 9,16,00 bales as compared with 85,66,000 acres and 13,22.000 bales for last year. The total area of the rice crop amounts to 54,41,400 acres as compared with 5,61,45,400 acres last year or a decrease of 17,04,000.

The area under indigo in Bengal, Madras, the Punjab and the United Provinces represented some 98 per cent. of the entire area under indigo in British India. The average total area of the reported indigo crop in these provinces was some 3,60,000 acres while that in 1910-11 was 2,76,400 acres. The total area of the present season is estimated at 2,71,100 acres which represents a net decrease of 5,300 acres or nearly two per cent. on the figure for 1910-11. As compared with the average of the five years ending 1909-10 the present area falls short by 25 per cent. The total yield of the dye is estimated at 48,700 cwts which is more than last year's figure by 2,700 cwts. In Bengal and Madras the season has on the whole been fairly favourable, but in the Punjab and the United Provinces the crop suffered from deficient water supply on account of the draught.

LUDHIANA MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Opening Ceremony by Sir Louis Dane.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, Dec. 21.

An interesting ceremony took place in Ludhiana on the 19th instant when Sir Louis Dane and Lady Dane opened the fine block of dormitories for the students of the Medical School for women. The Rev. Dr. Wherry read the report from which it appears that the number of students now on the rolls is 78 of whom 38 are taking the medical course, while 76 students have passed after obtainibg certificates. The expenditure on the School and Memorial Hospital amounts to nearly half a lakh and is chiefly met by gifts from Home. The Government grant is Rs. 8,500 and Municipal and District Board grants amount to over Rs. 5,000.

The Lieut.-Governor congratulated the committee on the excellent work of the school in medical work for women. He complimented Miss Brown, M. D., Principal of the School, for the honour of being presented with the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal, and announced amid cheers the grant of fifty thousand rupees by the Government as the building grant of the school.

THE NAWAB OF DACCA.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The Nawab of Dacca has now sufficiently recovered to leave Calcutta by boat for Dacca.

THE KING'S SHOOT.

First Day's Good Sport.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The King-Emperor is having good sport in Nepal. In the first day's shoot His Imperial Majesty killed three tigers and three rhinos.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The *Englishman* states that during his visit to Calcutta His Imperial Majesty will make an important pronouncement in which will be included the name of the Governor for the new Presidency of Bengal. The same paper learns that there will also be another list of honours.

COURT CIRCULAR.

(BY WIRE.)

QUEEN-EMPRESS' CAMP, JAIPUR, Dec. 19

The Queen-Empress attended by her suite left the Circuit House at Agra on her way to Jaipur. A Guard-of-Honour of the Royal Irish Regiment was mounted at the Circuit House, and the escort was furnished by the 13th Hussars under Lt.-Col. Taylor. Her Imperial Majesty was received at the station by Mr. Reynolds. The Guard-of-Honour was supplied by the 13th Rajputs. Her Imperial Majesty's train departed soon after 10 a. m.

On arrival at Jaipur station at 5 p. m., Her Imperial Majesty was received by the Maharaja of Jaipur accompanied by the Resident, Col. Showers, and by the principal officers of the State, after which she proceeded to the Residency, where the 42nd Deoli Regiment furnished a Guard-of-Honour.

Her Imperial Majesty gave a dinner party this evening. The following ladies and gentlemen had the honour to be invited:—Col. and Mrs. Showers, the Hon. Nawab Sir Faiyaz Ali Khan, Sir Swinton and Lady Jacob, Major Shelley, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Berkeley, the Rev. Dr. Jameson and Mrs. Stothard.

JAIPUR, Dec, 20.

The Queen-Empress, attended by her suite, visited the palace of Ambar this morning. In the afternoon, the Majaraja of Jaipur had the honour of conducting Her Imperial Majesty to the Jothwara garden. After dinner Her Imperial Majesty witnessed a Naga dance in the garden of the Residency.

ROYAL VISIT TO BOMBAY.

The Police Thanked.

The following Government Resolution has been issued by the Judicial Department:—

The Governor-in-Council has been commanded to express to the police of the City of Bombay, His Imperial Majesty's entire "satisfaction with the admirable police arrangements made during His Imperial Majesty's recent visit to Bombay and with the manner in which they were carried out."

In recognition of the exceptionally heavy duties imposed on the police both during the Imperial visit and also for some days before it, and of the exemplary manner in which they were performed, the Governor-in-Council is pleased, subject to sanction by the Government of India, to make a special grant equivalent to ten days' pay to all members of the police force from Inspectors downards, who were actually on duty during His Imperial Majesty's visit. Members of the district police force drafted to Bombay City for duty during the visit will also receive the grant, which will be additional to the Royal boon grant.

DEHRA DUN MURDER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, Dec. 21.

The trial of Miss Mounce Stephens for the alleged murder of Miss Garnet Orme has been started at Dehra Dun before Mr. O. M. Harper, First Class Magistrate. A number of witnesses have already been examined many of whom are residents of Lucknow and friends of the deceased lady. There are some eighty witnesses for the prosecution. The present proceedings are merely the preliminary enquiry prior to commitment. Should the accused be committed the trial will take place at the Allahabad High Court before a jury. At present very little is known as to the facts or as to the defence. So far as is known, cross-examination is at present being reserved.

ELEPHANTA CAVES.

A Misconception.

A Press Note issued yesterday, says :—

As considerable misconceptions appears to have arisen in regard to recent necessary restorations at Elephanta Caves, Government wish the following facts to be known :—

In the spring of 1905, signs of failure were noticed in the roof of the Elephanta Caves; the fissures opened out, portions of rock fell and water began to come through the roof into the caves in increasing quantities. It became evident that, unless measures were taken to support the roof, the result must be the destruction of the caves at no distant date.

The matter was brought to the notice of the Superintendent of Archæological Surveys, Western Circle, and designs with estimates were prepared under his instructions for supporting the roof. Many of the columns, which had been cut out of the solid rock for the support of the roof, had fallen, and the pieces had disappeared. In the some cases the capitals of the columns remained attached to the roof while the shafts had gone. No two of the columns left standing were exactly alike; the shafts were nearly square in section, but the sides were splayed at varying angles to the vertical. The Superintendent decided that certain of the columns, which were most necessary for the support of the roof, should be rebuilt of solid stone masonry with fine joints, similar in outline to the old pillars but with the fluting flowers and corner figures omitted, so that the new work should not be confounded readily with the old. He also gave instructions that the new work should be coloured so as to resemble the old, in order that the new work might not be obtrusive. The scheme was prepared accordingly, approved by the Superintendent, and sanctioned by Government.

For some time there was difficulty in providing funds and the work was not commenced until February 1909. The work was inspected by the Superintendent of Archæological Surveys when in progress and, when it was completed, he expressed his satisfaction with what had been done and asked that an estimate might be prepared for replacing the rest of the missing pillars in the same manner.

This estimate was prepared and duly approved by the Superintendent, and it was sanctioned by Government in June 1910. Money was provided in that year, and the work was commenced. In June of this year, the balance of the money was provided and the Executive Engineer was authorised to complete the work. This has now been done to the satisfaction of the present Superintendent. The old work is not coloured in any way.

A Meeting of Officers is to be held on Saturday at General Mahon's Camp at Delhi, to consider in what way boxing in India can be improved by the formation of an All-India Association with a central controlling Committee. One Officer from each British unit in Delhi is invited and also Officers in Delhi who may represent absent units.

CHAT ABOUT BOOKS.

SOCIETY SKETCHES, in the Eighteenth Century by Norman Pearson.—There are eleven sketches altogether in this book and all but three have appeared before in Magazines. "A Great Proconsul" and "A Lady Wit"—are now printed for the first time. Those that had already seen the light have, in Mr. Pearson's words, "been enlarged, some very considerably enlarged, from their original form." The "Great Proconsul" is no other than Thomas Pitt, of the East India Company's Service, subsequently Governor of Madras, disposer of the great "Regent" diamond to the Duke of Orleans in 1717, during the infancy of Louis XV., and—which is perhaps of chief importance—grandfather of William Pitt, first Earl of Chatham, and great-grandfather of the more famous statesman, William Pitt the younger. This is a valuable contribution, seeing that it deals with the inner life of an India unknown save to the student. Pitt was an adventurer, legitimate offspring of the Elizabethan freebooters, and one is glad to read his career outlined so concisely. "A Lady Wit," the other new sketch is Lady Townshend,

Long and well-known to public fame,

For gallantry and wit,

friend of Horace Walpole, and reputed original of the Lady Bellaston of "Tom Jones." This sketch is quite piquant and distinctly worth reading. The same may be said of the other sketches, which all appear to have a solid historical foundation. Moreover, as one reads these pages—there are three hundred of them—the feeling that they convey the true spirit, the right atmosphere of the days that are now two senturies past, becomes stronger and stronger; and to come to the end of a book with some such sentiment uppermost is good for reader and for author alike published by Edward Arnold.

FROM STAGE TO PEERAGE by Florence Warden (Digby, Song.)—Miss Florence Warden has the power, when she chooses to exert it, of writing a really fascinating novel, in which natural people move and speak and have their being. Not always does she trouble to draw these lifelike pictures, but in "From Stage to Peerage" she gives us some of her best work. It is thoroughly interesting from beginning to end, and whether or not one likes and approves of the heroine she is, at any rate, an ordinary clever girl, belonging to a type of which there are numerous examples. She is beautiful and ambitious, born into a lower middle-class family and determined to rise in the social scale as far as the rank of the Peerage. For this purpose she goes on the musical comedy stage, and although she does not show any striking talents in that direction she can sing and dance well enough to ensure a fairly good income. Possessing qualities which are really more valuable, such as tact, courage, and a certain hardness of head and heart, she keeps straight along the path she means to pursue, living a strictly virtuous life amid many temptations and trampling underfoot the true love she is offered from a fine man whom she loves as well as she is able to love anybody. Eventually she succeeds in her ambition, and finds it a poor one naturally enough, but the story of how she does it all is told delightfully, and is full of interest not only from the humorous way in which it is told, but because of the insight it gives into the lives of those on the stage. And Sylvia Lutterworth (as Sally Solomen prefers to call herself) is so human and has so many good points that although one may despise her social ambitions and deplore her inability to appreciate the better things of life, one has a good deal of liking and sympathy for her in the main.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.—It is one of the curious ironies of life that of all the boys and girls that grow up with ambitions to write books greater than those of Shakespeare or Mr. H. G. Wells, some find that their vocation lies in writing books for girls and boys, and, discovering it, do write epoch-making works. There are few living novelists whose books will be read when Hans Andersen's is forgotten, and, of course, Peter Pan is one of the most familiar achievements of its author's many-sided genius. The elderly reviewer, therefore, approaches the new children's books with caution. There may be one among them that will influence more people than the most successful novel of the year. And the trouble is he has no simple thumb-rule to measure their quality. There are no rules of the game, and no ordinary boy or girl can even tell you why one book is "nice" or "bully" and another isn't. One, therefore, ventures into the dark. So long as children remain children, it is certain there will never be enough fairy-stories to go round. There are books of the old fairy stories with new pictures this year, and there are books of brand new fairy stories. Few quainter introductions to "Grimm's Fairy Tales" (Black can be had than Mr. Charles Folkard's illustrations, which often manage to compress the whole eerie charm of fairyland into a small coloured picture. Of new fairy stories Mrs. Molesworth has published four "Fairies Afield" (Macmillan), which will delight her many small admirers. In "The Magic Table," a spell is bound to bring forth a very tangible dinner, but one thing is needed beside the spell. How the three brothers found out what it was is told in the story.

A GOOD BOOK FOR BOYS is "Jack Chaloner" by Edward Fraser (Hutchinson).—Lord Roberts in his Foreword says : "This is a story full of stirring incident and picturesque adventure, well calculated to attract and hold the attention of youth and to arouse and foster patriotic sentiments in the young men of this country. But exciting as is the narrative, there is nothing in it that is exaggerated or impossible—much less anything that is improbable....It seems trite and commonplace to say that what has happened before may happen again. Yet we know that the same causes must produce the same effects. Mr Fraser's story relates to the period 1802-1805, when the invasion of these shores was a very real menace. Sir George Laurence Gomme in The Kings Story Book Constable, has realised the excellent idea of collecting little stories from the great romantic writers illustrating the reign of each British King since Harold Walter Scott, Lytton Shakespeare, Thackeray and Dickens are laid under tribute, and the result is a most entertaining book. It has another value as an interesting comparison of the literary styles of the romantic writers.

THE FIRE SEEKER by Iota (Evelsigh Nash)—Mrs. Caffyn's new book "The Fire Seeker" is in most respects one of the ablest novels published this year. The opening study of Lucilla Pemberton and of the atmosphere which this graceful and parasitical woman created around her is extraordinarily effective; the tale of Tony Pemberton's wanderings in search of life with her middle-aged guardian, Colonel Larpent, is full of interesting episodes and culminates with great effect in her adventure with the outrageous Silas; and the accompanying narrative of her cousin Ralph Pemberton's attempt to galvanise into life a decadent countryside is also powerful and interesting. Tony is an extremely interesting personality, and her father's sudden inspiration on his death-bed to free her of her mother's influence and leave her to work out her salvation under the nominal control of his old friend, Giles Larpent, gives rise to an interesting educational experiment, which only the exceptional character of the girl, and that but barely, saves from disaster. "The Fire Seeker is certainly a book which deserves to be read, and to be read with the care and attention which we devote to a book from the reading of which we expect to take away more than we bring to it.

A WHISTLING WOMAN by Robert Halifax (Constable).—This is a well written story of an East End Courtship. Lydia and Artie—the girl takes the lead—are a highly respectable working-class couple, face to face with a baffling dilemma, on the one hand the risks of setting up a home on insufficient means, on the other the sorrows of hope deferred and the possibility of losing their happiness altogether. The manner in which the two characters react to this stress is very cleverly worked out, the changing moods of the lovers hold the attention all through, and the simple theme takes on an amplitude and dignity which only perfect sympathy and an almost magic touch of the writer could impart. An instance will explain; let anyone with his preconceived notions of the public lovemaking of the working class read the chapters which tell how Lydia and Artie took their "day out" at Claston. He will find that they did just what he expected, but how they did it, and why they did it, and what it meant to them is something which eludes the casual spectator; the sight is common and lacking in delicacy only till it is examined through the author's spectacles. There is nothing of the sensational slum story about the work; we move through the flaring main street or seedy, respectable byways all the time, we never hear an oath or a scream, and yet we are continually rubbing shoulders with some of the sternest realities of life. There are no professedly comic characters, but there is abundance of humour in the barber's shop, the privite bar, and the visnage. The author, with a reticence and a faculty of selection as delightful as they are rare, has chosen from his abundance just those features and those tints which will make a real work of art, one which never shouts for notice, but provides ever new surprises and joys for those who care to dwell upon its half lights and seemingly void places. So far we have not indicated that there are more than the two leading characters, but the mysterious and blustering Carewade, the soulless Marsha, Slatt, and perhaps, above all, the delicate pathetic little figure of Miss Summerbell, the district visitor, are all people worth knowing.

It is a very happy—and by no means common—circumstance when an author is satisfied with an artist's illustrations to his work, and the rarity must be increased when that work is imaginative, fantastic and spiritual. But Mr. Cayley Robinson, who has illustrated "the Blue Bird" for Messrs. Methuen, has just had agreeable proof that he has pleased the author, for Mr. Maeterlinck has written him a letter which contains the pleasing sentence—"You have interpreted the story from within, instead of translating it from without . . . Only a true artist, sure of himself, could have succeeded as you have done . . . Many of the pictures, full of a mysterious force, will never leave my memory . . . I thank you with all my heart for the honour you have done my little fairy story."

A translation of the whole letter is given below, which may be printed if thought desirable:—

"Returning from abroad, I find awaiting me your beautiful "Blue Bird." The first impression is a little disconcerting one expected for the interpretation of a fairy tale a more exuberant fancy, a wilder and more vivid imagination, then—when one re-opens the book, when slowly turns over the leaves, when one lingers long, a charm, powerful, unexpected, and much more fairy-like than the most spontaneous fantasies of the most extravagant imagination, escapes, little by little, from your pictures, purposely restrained and subdued. You have interpreted the story from within, instead of translating it from without it was very dangerous, very difficult, and only a true artist, sure of himself could have entirely succeeded, as you have done. It is a very great Art, and many of those pictures, full of a mysterious force, will never leave my memory. I thank you with all my heart for the honour you have done my little fairy story, and beg you to believe me the most devoted of your admirers, Maeterlinck.

The literary activities of Mr. Ralph Nevil are indefatigable, and, although it is only a few weeks since we were reviewing his exhaustive survey of the "romantic past," he is already on the point of offering a new book to his many admirers. During next week Messrs. Macmillan and Co. will publish Mr. Nevill's literary tribute to his old school, entitled "Floreat Etona : Anecdotes and Memories of Eton College." Mr. Nevill's capacity for narrative should render this a most entertaining volume for all old Etonians, and is will be found to contain a good deal of novel and quaint information. For instance, upon the fruitful topic of "Montem," Mr. Nevill has been furnished with some valuable details by Sir Algernon West, who was present at the last celebration of Montem sixty-seven years ago. There will also be a fine collection of illustrations, including the reproduction of unique prints lent by Lord Rosebery and Mr. Lewis Harcourt. This will certainly prove "the" Christmas book among Eton men of all generations.

"In the Maoriland Bush is the title of Mr. W. H. Koebel's new book of travel which appears in the list of Mr. Stanley Paul's forthcoming publications. Mr. Koebel has penetrated far into the up-country of New Zealand and describes life and character in what are known as The Back-blocks. There are special chapters upon the Bush people the Maori at Home, Bush Evenings and the Taraka and his Friends. The publishers point out not without reason that this book has a strong interest and claim, in that so much has been written about Australian bush life while the same sort of existence in New Zealand has been almost entirely neglected.

By desire of Queen Alexandra, Colonel Sir James Gildea, of 11, Hogarth Road, S. W., has undertaken to collect particulars for publication of all Memorials of whatever description, both at Home, in the Colonies, and Abroad, to His late Majesty King Edward, similar to his Memorials of The South African War "For Remembrance." Particulars of the information required will be sent on application.

Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to accept a copy of Miss Ida Woodward's book "Five English Consorts of foreign Princes." This, being one of the last books accepted by Her Majesty before her departure for the Durbar, has probably been her companion on the voyage.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

With the sanction of His Majesty's Government the appointment of Mr. Walter E. Schulz as Consul for the United States of America at Aden.

Captain W. M. Houston, M.B., B.Ch. (Dub.), I.M.S., on return from leave, to act as Medical Officer, Kathiawar Political Agency, and in charge West Hospital, Rajkot.

Captain W. D. A. Keys, M.D., B.S., (Dub.) I.M.S., on relief, to act as Civil Surgeon, Karwar, vice Captain B. B. Paymaster, I.M.S., proceeding on leave.

The Honourable Mr. J. P. Orr, C.S.I., I.C.S., Chairman, City of Bombay Improvement Trust, is granted privilege leave for six days from the 3rd January 1912, with permission to prefix the Christmas holidays to it.

The following transfers are ordered in the Public Works Department. Sergeant R. Rooks, Supervisor, from the Kanara District to the Ratnagiri and Kolaba District. Mr. R. G. Kelkar, Supervisor, from the Dharwar Irrigation District to the Kanara District.

Mr. F. W. Allison, First Class Magistrate in the Thana District, in invested with the powers of a Sub-Divisional Magistrate to be exercised in the Sub-Division consisting of Salsette, Bassein, Dahanu Talukas and Umbargaon Peta.

Mr. C. N. Seddon, I.C.S., on reversion to be Collector of Ratnagiri.

Mr. H. B. Clayton, I.C.S., on relief, to be Assistant Collector, Ratnagiri.

Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps.—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel James William Field, V.D., resigns his Commission and is permitted, on retirement, to retain his rank and wear the uniform of the Corps.

The Reverend H. Foote, Chaplain of Camp, Aden, is appointed to act as Chaplain of Steamer Point, Aden, in addition to his duties, during the absence on leave of the Reverend C. Hewitt or pending further orders.

The Reverend G. Hewitt, Chaplain of Steamer Point, Aden, has been granted privilege leave for three months from 2nd January or subsequent date.

The Reverend E. S. J. D'Alessio, Chaplain on duty at the Presidency, to be Chaplain of Mahabaleshvar 'cum' Satara as a temporary measure.

Captain W. M. Houston, M. B., B. Ch. (Dub.), I. M. S., on return from leave, to act as Medical Office, Kathiawar Political Agency, and in charge West Hospital, Rajkot.

Captain W. D. A. Keys, M. D., B. S. (Dub.), I. M. S., on relief, to act as Civil Surgeon, Karwar, vice Captain B. B. Paymaster, I. M. S., proceeding on leave.

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WEEKLY PLAGUE MORTALITY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

An increase in the plague mortality in India is reported for the week ending 16th December, the total number of deaths being 8,091 as against 6,583 reported in the previous week. The provincial figures are:—Bombay 2,509, Madras 321, Bengal 415, the United Provinces 1,752, the Punjab 138, Burma 31, the Central Provinces 744, Coorg 7, Mysore 398, Hyderabad 1,505, Central India 349, and Rajputana 22.

H. H. THE RAJA OF COCHIN.

Arrival in Bombay.

H. H. Raja Sir Shri Rama Varma, Raja of Cochin, who was at Delhi, to attend the Imperial Durbar, arrived in Bombay, yesterday morning, at 7-12, by s. B. B. & C. I. Railway special train at Colaba station, en route to Cochin. His Highness was accompanied by the fifth and twelfth Princes of Cochin, Dr. Coombes, Durbar Physician; Mr. Browne, Excise Superintendent; Mr. Kastari Renga Aiyer, Special Officer; Mr. Chakko, Superintendent of Police, and Commandant of the Nair Brigade; and Mr. Gopala Desika Chariar, His Highness's Private Secretary. His Highness was received by a deputation of South Indians; and there were also a few Nairs and other natives of Malabar. Amongst those present were Mr. B. Raghaviah, solicitor; Dr. P. M. Mathai, M. D., Mr. C. S. Menon, Rao Saheb A. K. Pai, Messrs. C. V. K. Nayar, V. K. Nair, S. R. Pillai, A. T. Narain, and T. G. Panikker. His Highness was garlanded, and then drove to his residence in Malabar Hill.

PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS BY SOUTH INDIANS.

There was a large gathering of South Indians present in the Hira Bangh Hall, opposite C. P. Tank, yesterday evening at 6 p.m., when an address of welcome was presented to H. H. the Rajah of Cochin on behalf of South Indian Association. Mr. C. V. K. Nayar, Honorary Secretary of the Reception Committee, to whose enthusiasm and activity was due the success of the evening's function, in a few words ranked His Highness, for his kindness in accepting the invitation of the Association.

Mr. B. Raghaviah, solicitor, President of the Association, read the following address, which was presented in a silver casket :—

"On behalf of the South Indian residents of Bombay under the auspices of the South Indian Association—an Association composed exclusively of persons, from the Southern Provinces of Hindustan. We beg to offer Your Highness a hearty welcome to our midst. Though we represent only a small fraction of the entire population of the Island of Bombay, we number over 3,000 representing all castes and professions in the "Urbs Prima in India" whose commercial activity, in which we are proud to say, we participate is its towering and lasting strength. It is the members and sympathisers of this Association, constituted as above, which is offering to Your Highness through us a cordial welcome to Bombay, which has several attractions to a keen and intelligent scholar and statesman of Your Highness' reputation. To a majority of us, the State of Cochin is of special interest and it has been correctly described as the India of early dreams and hopes. It is a picturesque land of palms and paddy, of spreading lagoons and backwaters. Its progressiveness is distinguished by the solidarity of Your Highness' administration. It is a matter of common knowledge that Your Highness has spared nothing to expand the material resources of the country in a steady and progressive manner and it is a source of extreme gratification to us to know that the British Government has also appreciated the statesmanlike administration of the State by Your Highness and no further proof is needed than the honour and distinction of G. C. I. E. deservedly conferred by His Imperial Majesty the King-Emperor on this great and historic occasion of the Delhi Durbar. Unlike other parts of India, Southern India has comparatively but a few Native States and Principalities, hence it is that we, Southern Indians, wherever it may be our lot to be, are solicitous of the welfare of the Rulers thereof. It is well-known that Your Highness has deeply identified yourself with the prosperity of Your Highness' loyal subjects and this is a matter which has elevated Your Highness to the front ranks of the Ruling Chiefs of the present day. We sincerely hope and trust that Your Highness will continue in the path of righteousness which has already won laurels and that Your Highness may be spared to do more lasting benefits to the State."

His Highness in reply said:

"Gentlemen, I am glad to see that so many persons of Southern India are now living here following several honorable trades and professions and thus trying to better their circumstances. One will be able to fully realise the feeling of brotherhood among the persons of a presidency only when one goes out of it. In Delhi and other places whenever I came across persons of our presidency we felt as if we belonged to the same family. Coming to this place we realise the same feeling again. It is highly gratifying to me to see so many persons of our presidency most of whom have a special interest in the welfare of my state, ready to give me such a hearty and cordial welcome for which and for the very complimentary remarks made by them about me and my administration and for all the good wishes I am extremely thankful to you. It is no doubt, a source of gratification to you, to me and to my well-wishers that His Imperial Majesty has been pleased to appreciate my work by conferring on me a new honour of which my people and I feel very proud. To consider that I fully deserved such a high honour for what I have done will, I think, be not quite right. As all great and good men are always inclined to magnify good actions, however small they may be, His Majesty has taken the little I have done in that light and rewarded me. I think I must take this mark of distinction more as an encouragement to do further good than as a reward for what was done. I am sorry that my stay in your midst is short. I am also rather fatigued after a hurried journey, a portion of which has still to be gone through. There is much to see and learn here. But under the circumstances, I fear I shall not be able to do full justice to my short visit to this place. I shall, however, try my best to do as much as my health and time will permit. Before concluding, I must thank you again for your cordial welcome and all good wishes."

His Highness, and the 5th and 12th Princes, who accompanied him were garlanded. His Highness spoke a few words of encouragement to many of those present and with cheers to His Highness the proceedings terminated.

Today another address will be presented to his Highness by the Malayalee residents in Bombay, Hindus, Mahomedans, Christians and Jews.

BOMBAY RACES.

3rd Extra Meeting.

The following are the horses left in for Saturday's races after declaration of forfeit at 6 p.m. on Thursday :—

THE OLD YEAR PLATE.—About 7 furlongs.—Galileo 10st 6lbs, Aquadnet 9st 7lbs, Chivalry 9st 6lbs, Boomay 7st, Mafeota 6st 12lbs.

AN ARAB SELLING PLATE.—About 7 furlongs—Padsha 9st 11lbs, Bushoosh 9st 6lbs, Kualas 9st 1lb, Saico 8st 11lbs, Mahmood 8st 7lbs, Si Hedarion 8st 6lbs, Bonaparte 8st 4lb, Sir Edward 8st 1lb, Submit 7st 11lbs, Tressady 7st 10lbs, Antica 7st 5lbs, Bussee 7st 1lb.

Top weight not having accepted weights are raised 5lbs.

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE—Divided 6 furlongs—Lookman 9st 12lbs, Ashroff 9st 5lbs, Young Majub 8st 13lbs, Singee 8st 9lbs, Prime Minister 8st 4lbs, Electric 8st 3lbs, Turkish General 7st 12lbs, Kaharaman 7st 11lbs, Delkhush 7st 7lbs, Order 7st.

THE CHRISTMAS PLATE. (Divided).—6 furlongs. Cheehan 9st 7lbs, Sowasam 9st 3lbs, Young Thara 8st 4lbs, Zaffer Beg 8st 1lb, Yusuff Pasha 8st 8lbs, Woolwinder 8st 7lbs, Merzahim 8st 6lbs, Upright 8st 4lbs, Makeb 8st 3lbs, Mishriff 8st 2lbs, Aaram 7st 11lbs, Fairplay 7st 2lbs.

THE MODERATE PLATE.—About 1 mile.—Grand Duke, Merrily, Harry Johnson, Well Done and Soolttanal Mulook.

A MAIDEN ARAB PONY PLATE.—5 furlongs.—Seven Fifty, Bagavi, Zeenat, Bolero, Gold Belt, Fascination, Dollar, St Anthony, Dushant, Little Boy, Agent, Fat East, Chin Chin, Zahaf, Flying Machine and Ordinary.

THE Senior Medical Officer will be thankful for presents of fruits, sweets, cakes, etc., for the poor patients in the J. J. Hospital, during Christmas.

THE ALEXANDRIAN LIBRARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE".

SIR,—In one of your leaders in your issue of the 18th instant, re-the fate of the Alexandrian Library, you describe at length the new light that has been thrown on that much discussed question. It will not be out of place if we were to weigh the authority which is said to have been brought out from obscurity, and what can be found in the works on the subject. Abdul Latiff, referred to by you, was the author of the book in which he describes the history and the traditions of the various monuments which he saw in Egypt At one place in his book he describes the "Umadus-Sawari," the Great Pillar, he saw in Egypt: and says among other things that the Pillar, was one time surrounded by 400 more smaller pillars and ends his description by the following remark: "It is said that this pillar was one of those pillars in which rested the roof which was the academy of Aristotle and under which the said philosopher taught philosophy to his pupils and it is also said that it was the University which contained the famous library which was burnt by Umru under the orders of Umar." Now it is clear from this that the passage is introduced by "It is said" which is nothing but the reproduction of the traditions which he might have heard floating among the masses during his sojourn in Egypt. From these passages one cannot infer that the author either believed himself in the traditions or that he was historically criticising the truth thereof "bitter dicta." Evidently he picked up the traditions and having consigned them into his book left it to posterity to judge the truth thereof. But, unfortunately, none of his statements have turned out to be true. Many authentic writers have proved beyond doubt that the Pillar described by Abdul Latiff was never the academy of Aristotle and never did he teach his pupils there.

Let us now see what other authorities say regarding the Library. An author makes the following remark in respect of it. "The Saracens in the beginning of Islam would not pay any attention to any sciences save philology, theology and medicine. The reason seems that they were afraid lest the ancient and foreign learning should relax the hold which their doctrines had as yet rather infirmly on the minds of the Moslem. This fear led them to such extravagances that "they are said" to have burnt all the books that they could find in newly conquered countries." In this statement nothing has been said of the library and not a single instance has been quoted to support the vague and general remark. It is also to be noticed that the burning of books is also, as in the case of Abdul Latiff, preceded by the words "they are said" Hence one can easily judge for himself how much weight can be attached to such statements.

Leaving aside the above considerations let us now examine the position which these so-called authorities occupy in the role of the Moslem writers of history. The fame of Abdul Latiff who was otherwise a writer of no ordinary capacity rests entirely in the field of medicine.

He is very highly spoken of by Ibne Abi Siba in his book called the "Tabquatul-Attibee" as a physician with a profound knowledge of his art; but Abdul Latiff has never been described by any one as a historian. We can, therefore, put very little faith in his statements regarding histerical events just as nobody will attach much credit, were Edison, the greatest scientist of our age, to write a history of the French Revolution. The other authority has left no other work than his dictionary and never wrote any history nor is he ever described as a historian. Moreover these two authorities quoted above flourished six centuries later than the time when the event under review took place. Abdul Latiff alone is the first man who mentions it without ever quoting any earlier authority. The truth is that he has simply recorded the floating traditions or lip-talk about the Library and his statement has been copied by others who came after his including the Christian writer, Abul Faraj. Had his arguments been based on good and ancient authorities, we would not have at all doubted their truthfulness.

Besides, let us treat the subject from various points of view. Taken for granted for the present, however, that the Library was burnt by the Moslems. If so, nobody can doubt the Moslems must have done so out of their zeal for the spread of their faith and that they must have considered it an act of great piety of which they could be highly proud from their point of view; and should have recorded it in the most glowing terms as the most valuable service rendered towards the cause of Islam just as the destruction by Mahmood of Ghazni of the idols and the temples of the Hindus had been done. But we are sorry to state that all the earlier Moslem historians disappoint us in this respect. They are one and all completely silent regarding the Library so much so that not a single allusion can be found in their voluminous works. Abdul Latiff as said above is the first man who mentions it, and he flourished so late as the sixth century of the Hijrat and we can safely doubt the truth of his assertions unsupported as they are by any earlier authority.

The natural outcome of the above arguments is that Abdul Latiff having picked the floating traditions spread by the biased minded Christians, has recorded them in his Memoirs of Egypt. We must, therefore lay the blame of the burning of the library at the door of someone else or say the Christians; here I would conclude by quoting Mr. Syed Ameer Ali "one of the greatest authorities on the East now living". Mr. Ameer in his history of the Saracens says "the story about the burning of the Alexandrian Library under orders of the Caliph Omar is without any foundation." Such an act of vandalism was totally opposed to the tolerant and liberal spirit of the great ruler. As a matter of fact, a large part of this Library was destroyed in the siege which Julius Cæsar underwent in that city; and the remainder was lost in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius in the 4th century of the Christian Era. This Emperor who was a devout Christian and hated works written by pagans had ordered the destruction and dispersion of the splendid remnant of the Philadelphian Library "which order was so zealously carried out that little or nothing remained for the Moslem to destroy."—Yours, etc.,

J. A. J. MANDOIVALA,
Anjumani Islam High School.

Bombay, Dec. 21.

R. G. KNOWLES.

A doctor, a newspaper editor, and a lawer were travelling in a railway compartment the other day, and they discussed a very interesting subject. They were dealing with the merits of various entertainers before the British public, and one man who had impressed them more than any other, and that man was R. G. Knowles. The newspaper editor knew him personally, and really surprised his two friends with the information he gave them about R. G. "Dick Knowles is the greatest traveller, the greatest observer, and the most reliable distributor of useful information who ever lived," he remarked.

The man who meets R. G. Knowless in a theatre as a comedian, in a hall as a lecturer, or in a discussion over a cup of coffee never forgets him. His is a personality of a very rare kind, and there is no more convincing evidence of his hold on the British public than the fact that after performing at various periods in England during the last twenty years he is now more popular than ever. He will shortly conclude a most successful provincial tour, and he has had quite a hustling time, for during the day he has been compiling and arranging his lectures and his photographic films and slides, a thing he has been doing for years. His repertoire is now an extensive and valuable one, and his information, gleaned by personal experience and delivered most eloquently, is impressed upon the hearer most realistically. Why go to see these places when Mr. Knowles brings them to us is a question often asked, and there is only one reply Why? When one heard that the world-wide traveller was going to India, one thought what a golden opportunity there was for an up-to-date impressario to arrange a lecture tour with Mr. Knowles. But evidently another person had the same thought, for that astute business man, Mr. Maurice E. Bandmann has stepped in, and under his management R. G. will undertake a twenty-five weeks' tour of the large cities in the East, which means that his return to England will be further delayed.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Mammoth Ocean Liners.

Some day, says a Home correspondent, we shall get a definite announcement as to the dimensions of the new White Star Leviathan. In the meantime, it is hopeless to attempt to reconcile the figures which have been circulated. One statement is that the liner will not be more than 900ft. between perpendiculars and will have a beam of 94ft. Another gives the length at 1,000ft, and the beam at the extreme figure of 125ft. This last measurement is so far in advance of anything that has been contemplated that it seems to carry its own refutation. There will one day be completed several docks which will take a ship 1,000ft in length. But why the White Star Line should go out its way to build a vessel which by reason of its excessive beam could not get into them is difficult to see.

The truth is that these reports as to dimensions need to be received with a very large grain of salt. So must the statement that the new liner is to have a cricket field and gold links. There may be facilities for cricket and for golf but with obvious limitations. Of the "Olympic" and "Titenic" it was reported that their decks were to be used to provide among other things, a motor track. Needless to say they did not. Another statement with regard to the new ship is that she may have verandah cafes "forward instead of aft." If this means, as it seems to suggest, that the cafes will be so situated as to face the direction in which the ship is going, they will clearly be useless during at least the greater part of the year.

THE RATE OF PROGRESS.

While it may be doubted if the new White Star liner is to be of the extreme dimensions just referred to it is clear that she will mark a step in an advance which is likely to be continuous. Dr. Corthell, who has recently contributed to the Royal Society of Arts a forecast on this subject, predicts that within the next thirty years we shall see ocean vessels 1,100ft in length, and with a beam of 110ft. Further, he says that the Suez Canal, which has been steadily widened and deepened ever since its construction, in 1869 must, within the next few years, in order to retain its traffic be deepened to 42ft 6in. thus allowing for a draft of 39ft 4in. with a corresponding width to provide for the passage in two lines of vessels of 25,000 tons. The depth of the waterway at the beginning of the present year admitted of the passage of ships drawing 28ft and the largest using the canal to-day is of about 13,000 tons.

What all this suggests is that the constructors of docks and the administrations of canals must concentrate their attention on the future to a greater degree than they have yet done. Even in fixing the length of its locks at about 1,000ft it is quite possible that the engineers of the Panama Canal may have cut things rather close, while dock engineers, in setting out to accommodate vessels of that limit may find themselves without a margin for contingencies. Dr. Corthell's forecast for the next thirty years is apparently based upon what has happened during the last three decades. He says that the average dimensions of the twenty largest commercial steamships are 28,018 gross tons, 725ft length, 80ft width, and 35ft draft, whereas the corresponding dimensions in 1881 were 5,490 gross tons, 488ft 6in, 45ft 2in, and 24ft.

ANCHOR LINE HISTORY.

The Anchor Line, which may run some risk of losing its identity through amalgamation with the Cunard Line, has a history going back nearly sixty years. Like the P. and O., it began with services to Portugal and Spain, the port of departure in 1852, as to-day, being Glasgow. Then there was an extension into the Mediterranean. It was in 1856 that the North Atlantic trade was embarked upon, a beginning being made, according to one account with the "Tempest," a 1,500 ton sailing ship subsequently converted into a screw steamer. As the Glasgow New York trade grew, larger and swifter steamers were continually added culminating this autumn in the 11,000 ton steamer Cameronia. Meantime services from Glasgow and Liverpool to Bombay and Calcutta have been steadily developed, until they have become an equally important part of the company's operations.

It was in 1899 that the enterprise was converted into a limited liability company, and the inclusion of the name of Henderson Brothers in the registered title has since kept the memory of its founders well to the front. The line owed its inception to Thomas and John Henderson, who went into business as shipowners in Glasgow, while their brothers David and William Henderson established a shipbuilding business on the Clyde. In many ways these four brothers left their impress upon the maritime activities of the Scottish port. For long years the shipowning business and the shipbuilding establishment had certain interests in common, but there was necessarily a severance when the Anchor Line was incorporated. Mr. Algernon Henderson, one of the younger representatives of a famous family, now joins the board of the Cunard Company.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE.

In the shipowning business more depends upon nomenclature than is often suspected. A striking name catches the public eye, and remains in the popular memory. Thus it is with the Blue Funnel Line, founded by the late Mr Alfred Holt the Liverpool shipowner. The name Blue Funnel was hit upon by accident Mr Holt himself has put the facts on record in a memorandum appended to a picture of the Dumbarton Youth the first Blue Funnel steamer. This picture painted by Samuel Walter a Liverpool artist was of a vessel built by Denny, of Dumbarton, in 1847, and said to have been the first iron ship put together by ship carpenters. She had a mahogany deck.

"I think," wrote Mr. Holt, "her dimensions were about 130ft by 20ft by 12ft; her tonnage, according to Lloyd's Register, was 187 tons. She was bought from Horsfall's in 1852, had been on the coast of Africa, and had a good many old stores left in her, amongst others, muskets and Bibles. She was repaired, and put into the coasting trade—Liverpool, Whitehaven, and Cardiff. A new funnel was necessary, which was brought down and painted, and as there was a lot of blue paint on board, we used it, mainly on the suggestion of Captain Middleton. She was sold at a good profit to take flour to the Crimea in I think, 1855." Mr. Holt lived to see Blue Funnel liners afloat with a gross register of upwards of 10,000 tons, and practically to introduce into the Australian trade the system of one-class passengers.

WHITE STAR CRUISES.

This winter the White Star Line is making a new departure in connection with its cruising arrangements. In addition to the "Cedric," of 21,000 tons the "Adriatic," of 25,000 tons, is for the first time placed in the company's News York and Mediterranean service. She is to leave New York on Saturday next for Genoa and Naples, via Madeira, Gibraltar and Algiers. The liner makes two other voyages from New York, on Jan. 10 and Feb. 21, respectively, on these occasions proceeding right through to Alexandria for the benefit of those desiring to spend the winter or some portion of it, in Egypt. The Adriatic will have the distinction of being the largest liner that has ever been seen in the Mediterranean. In addition to the "Adriatic" and the "Cedric," the White Stars Mediterranean programme will in part be carried out by the "Cretic" the "Canopic," and the "Romanic."

NEW ELLERMAN LINER.

The "City of Birmingham" is the latest addition to the huge fleet of steamers under the control of Sir John Ellerman. She has sailed in mail week from Liverpool on her maiden voyage to Bombay, a trade in which the Ellerman Lines have of late years placed many fine passenger and cargo vessels. The new liner built by the Palmers Company is some 470ft in length. She is designed to carry about 130 first-class passengers for whom accommodation is arranged on the upper and pridge decks. There is also provision for some forty-second class passengers. The ship is equipped to the high standard required in the Indian passenges trade and is provided with all the necessary aids to a comfortable voyage through the trying heat of the Red Sea.

Of late the City liners have made some fast passages to and from India. In so doing they have done more than maintain the fame of the very old-established enterprise of which they form part. Mr. George Smith, of Glasgow, really started the City Line in 1849 with the sailing of the "Constellation," of 344 tons, for Calcutta. He built bigger ships and in 1870 went into the steamship trade with the "City Oxford," of 2,319 tons. Since then, of course, the size of the vessels employed, as well as their speech, has largely increased. In the year 1901 Messrs. George Smith and Sons sold their fleet to Sir John Ellerman, under whose direction it entered upon a new and vigorous lease of life.

MODERN NOVELS.

A Reply to the Dean of St. Paul's.

THE recent contention put forward by the Dean of St. Paul's to the effect that modern literature, especially in the case of modern novels, tends to adopt a lower moral tone than Victorian literature allowed, was discussed with a Press representatives in mail week by a distinguished novelist of the modern school.

This author first deplored the fact that Dean Inge's strictures had been general rather than particular. "We are all in need of ecclesiastical advertisement, such as Certain Bishops give to the books of their favourite authors," he continued, "and the public specification of our names by the learned Dean of St. Paul's might have sent up our sales, and substantially compensated us for his personal depreciation. I believe that obnoxious books, such as Bibles, have been burned by the public hangman as St. Paul's and I suggest that Dean Inge is quite appropriately carrying on the tradition of such condemnations. Nevertheless, the translators of those impounded Bibles had something to say in their favour, and I feel strongly that we novelists are not sufficiently defended.

"Do we really pander to the lower tastes of our readers? Can that really be the reason why we 'introduce stories of seduction or adultery' into our books with greater frequency than the Victorian writers introduced them? I quite admit that we have widened the range of our subject-matter recently, that we have begun to depict a humanity subject to influences of sex, and that we have discussed the action of these influences more carefully and more deeply than Fielding or Smollett attempted. But I contend that we cannot justly be accused of producing a low moral tone in literature, unless the mere discussion, description, and dissection of sexual psychology is in itself immoral. If it is, then half the books of moral theology studied by the Church are immoral. It is quite obvious, therefore, that Dean Inge must imply that modern novelists condone, or even praise, breaches of the moral law in matters affecting sex.

THE SWING OF THE PENDULUM.

"In my opinion, this implication is incorrect. We are here to observe humanity, and transcribe an impression of it. Well, the spirit of one age differs from the spirit of another age, if I may be allowed to remind the Dean of one of his axioms. Now, in the matter of literature, this simply means that after thirty to sixty years of one literary tone and tradition the reading public gets bored with that tone or tradition, and desires the substitution of another. That seems to me to be what has happened to us novelists. The public desires that a section of life neglected by the Victorian writers should be represented to it. In fact, general interest has turned towards the tremendous muddle of sex, which has complicated post-Reformation society to such a disastrous degree.

We "novelists—who, after all, are supposed to be particularly sensitive to the spirit of the age, who, indeed, are its organs of expression—have come under this impulsion, and have set ourselves to answer the need and provide the subjects that are the predominent modern interest. Does this mean that we have lowered the moral tone of literature? That seems to me to depend entirely upon the manner in which the interest is provided. Is H. G. Wells, say, really less clean than Dickens? He deals with different subjects, but I cannot feel in his writings that he is 'of a lower moral tone' than the Victorians, or that he encourages a libertine attitude towards marriage. Fielding registered the very common experiences of seduction and adultery, yet 'Tom Jones' is a fine, clean, faulty figure. So, in the same way, we moderns register these experiences, and try to enter into the psychology of faulty truthfully. Candour cannot be called prurience, nor can the extension of post-Reformation subjects to society. In fact, the really curious thing is that the 'immoral' writers—for example Huysman—generally end in the Church, a fact which ought, I think, to be considered by a dean."

CALCUTTA RACING NOTES.

The Cup and the Trials.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The Trials.—Soultline is still the favourite at five to four against and six to four on place. Tangoros, who will have the services of Wotton is steadily contracting. His present price is five to two for win and evens for place. Aborigine is heavily backed and stands at fours to win and evens for place. Lumination, although in great fettle, has receded to sevens and twos. The places are one and two, for in all probability there would be only six starters for this race.

The Cup.—I hear on good authority that C. Hoyte has picked Mayfowl who the other day badly licked Five Crown. His price now is fours to win and six to four against for place. Aborigine is at the same figures with Mayfowl and is regularly ridden by Saxby in his morning gallops. Vavaser will be ridden by Kahn. He stands at fives and one and a half respectively. Whalley will ride Black Buck who with Last Call stands at sixes and twos. The rest stand at twelves and more. Lawn Sand has no Cup preparation.

I do not see Prince Rupert and Wavebird on the course. Retort is also absent the last two days. I hear she will be reserved for the King-Emperor's Cup. Master Delaval always works with Last Call. Cattare has improved a lot although the people here would not have him. The same is the case with Hilarity and Miracle.

HIGHLAND GAMES AT BANGALORE.

Thirty Mile Bicycle Race.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, Dec. 21.

In connection with the annual highland games of the Cameron Highlanders a 30 mile bicycle race was run this morning from their barracks for fifteen miles up the Oossoor Road and back. Seven men started, the favourite being Sergte Smith with a home divisional reputation for long distance cycling. They were paced by Captains Mopherson and Lumsden in a motor-car. Smith led all the way there and part of the way back when he was seized by a cramp and was motored home. Private Thompson, another good man, broke down over a puncture. Private Smith of "H." Company finished first in 1 hour. 54 secs and Private Robertson of second, in 2 hours, 2 1-2 minutes.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 22nd December.

1. There will be no Commanding Officer's Parade until after the new year.
2. There will be no Class Firing this week end at Santa Cruz.
3. Mr George Jeffrey Huntly having joined is taken on the strength and posted to "B" Troop.

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GAOL FOR DEBTORS.

Lawyers' Objections to the System.

When Judge Snagge condemned the system of imprisonment for debt at a special sitting of Kettering County Court the other day, he was expressing the opinions of a large portion of the legal profession. "Barbarous and baneful" were the terms used by the judge in his condemnation, and he added that the time had come when the system ought to be stopped. The head of a firm of solicitors in the City of London closely connected with a trade protection society in the collection of debts told a Press representative that the majority of solicitors associated themselves with Judge Snagge's remarks.

"Originally meant for quite another purpose, the system of imprisonment for debt has become in many cases a cause of blackmail," he explained. "We have many instances on our books where the creditor uses every means in his power to make life almost intolerable, for the debtor. Quite a common form of persecution arises in this way: a city clerk, or official not highly paid, gets into debt, and is hunted by the creditor who even goes to the length of issuing a subpœna to the man's employer to attend court, so that he may give evidence as the debtor's earnings. To solicitors judgment summonses are the cause of more worry than they are worth, and the whole system is very objectionable. Judges, as a rule, do not commit a debtor to prison unless they have good reason for believing that man has the means to pay, but in many cases men are ruined for life because they have been forced into a prison for a debt which they were compelled to incur through bad circumstances. In Scotland, as is well known, there is no imprisonment for debt, and it would be a good thing if it were abolished in England. In most cases I think moneylenders are the creditors, and in paying one off by borrowing from another, the poor debtor only gets from bad to worse.

VIVES THREATENED WITH GAOL.

Mr. Mosely, of Messrs. Weekes, who has had considerable experience in such cases, stated that the Act which generally abolished imprisonment for debt in 1869, and the Married Women's Property Act, had given rise to a lot of trouble. "A man may have a little money and invest it in a business," he said, "in his wife's name. He may manage the business for her, and if things go wrong you can sue him, but you are not likely to get anything. It is not generally known, however, that a married woman trading in the City of London can be sent to prison for debt. The system is undoubtedly often made use of for oppression, and the hardship lies mostly in the case of working men whose wives get into debt without their husband's knowledge. The man is sued, and if the debt is not paid an order may be made to commit him. The fees of the Treasury, are very high, and it is this which is referred to when it is said that the system of imprisonment had brought in between £40,000 and £50,000 a year. Originally one could take possession of the body of a man and sell his labour until it had worked off the amount of the debt; that is 'the barbarous relic' of the time when a creditor could make a debtor his slave. Even if a man goes to prison—and the maximum term is six weeks—it is no pecuniary satisfaction to the creditor, for when the debtor come out the debt no longer exists, provided he serves the full time to which he is sentenced. In my experience, however, I have had cases which show the other side of the picture. I know the case of a man who lived in a hotel, and his creditors could get no money from him. He simply refused to pay, yet it was discovered that he had a bank account in a false name!"

RAILWAY RETURNS

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of Traffic earnings for week ending 16th December.

	Miles Open.	Total for the period.	Earnings for previous week	Total to date.
Approximate to cargo for week ending 16th Dec. 1911				
G. I. P. Ry. Including I. M. Ry. System...	2791·34	1726500	280809·5	29307415
A.-D.-O. Ry.....	125·66	56200	934721	960921
Baran Kotah Ry.	40·29	5300	80418	85718
Total...	2957·29	1788000	2906054	30884054
Earnings for corresp. 7 days ending 16th Dec. 1910				
G. I. P. Ry. Including I. M. R. System ...	a3791·38	1671694	24966037	26637731
A.-D.-O. Ry. ...	125·66	36033	750319	787252
B.-K. Ry.....	40·29	2129	46698	48827
Total ...	2957·33	1710756	25763054	27473810
Inc. or Dec.	G. I. P. R. Incg. I. M. R. System	— 9·04	+ 54806	3114878	3168684
	A. D. O. R.	.....	+ 19267	+184401	+ 203669
	Baran-Kotah R.	.....	+ 3171	+ 33720	+ 36891

NOTE.—Corrected with Audited figures upto 31st Oct a Altered from 2783·93 to 2791·38 (7·45 miles) on account of opening of the Harbour Branch from 12th December 1910.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 9th December on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week.....	Rs. 2,40,000	Rs. 2,70,000	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 5,14,000
Or per mile of Railway.....	476	535	8	1,019
For previous 22 weeks of half year	37,28,503	50,46,960	82,417	88,57,880
Total for 23 weeks	39,68,503	53,16,960	86,417	93,71,880
COMPARISON.				
Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,69,372	3,89,717	6,840	5,65,929
Per mile of Ry..	336	773	13	1,122
Total to corresponding date...	35,56,483	58,19,780	1,03,315	89,79,548

Decrease for the week.....Rs. 51,929
Increase to date .....Rs. 3,92,332

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the week ended 9th December on 141·14 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
Total Traffic for the week.....	Rs. 11,000	Rs. 26,000	Rs.	Rs 37,000
Or per mile of Railway	78	184	.....	262
For previous 22 weeks of half year	1,99,694	7,32,794	2,947	9,25,435
Total for 23 weeks	2,10,694	7,48,794	2,947	9,62,435
COMPARISON.				
Total for corresponding week of previous year	7,980	49,486	.....	57,466
Per mile of Ry..	57	350	.....	407
Total to corresponding date	1,73,047	6,37,134	4,376	8,14,557

Decrease for the week .....Rs. 20,466
Increase to date .....Rs. 1,47,878

THE WEATHER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Dec. 21.

The weather remains unsettled in Persia, and an independent disturbance is affecting Baluchistan and the extreme north of India, but no precipitation is yet reported. Some rainfall has occurred in the south of the Peninsula, the Andaman Islands and on the Tenasserim Coast. The forecast shows light precipitation in Baluchistan and the extreme north and further rainfall in the south-east of Madras. A diminution is likely on the Tenasserim Coast and in the Andaman Islands.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED AT SIMLA.

A slight shock was recorded at Simla at 11 hours, 41 minutes, from a distance of 5,000 miles.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 21ST DECEMBER.

Hansi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities. Rabi sowings progressing favourably.

Mooltan.—Wheat being sown. All crops doing well.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Cawnpore.—Mornings cold and dewy. Crop prospects improving.

Beawar.—Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain.

Broach.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold. Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening and picking general. Present weather may improve cotton yield slightly.

Viramgam.—Unusually cool. No further rain expected.

Wadhwan.—Seasonable. Cotton picking partially begun and arrivals expected early.

Bhavnagar.—Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Barsi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy.

Sholapur.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 21ST OF DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Thursday, the 21st December, 1911, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are heavily clouded in the north Punjab and lightly to moderately clouded elsewhere. The moisture in the air is either equal to or below the average. Night temperature is in excess in the extreme north.

The United Provinces.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded in the extreme western districts and clear elsewhere. Humidity is normal or in defect. Minimum temperature is lower than usual at Jhansi.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear in upper Sind and lightly to moderately clouded elsewhere. The air is drier than usual over the whole division. Day temperature is in excess at Karachi; night temperature is in defect in Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity in generally in defect. Maximum temperature is in excess in south Gujarat and on the south Kathiawar Coast.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. The moisture in the air is either equal to or below the average. Temperature is in slight excess in the extreme western districts.

The Konkan.—Skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity and temperature are nearly normal.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. The moisture in the air is either equal to or below the average. Night temperature is in excess at some stations.

General Remarks.—Negapatam reports 0·92" of rain, and Colombo 0·29"; conditions continue slightly unsettled in the south of the Bay of Bengal. There has, however, been a decrease of cloud in the Peninsula. Heavy cloud has appeared over the north Punjab, and light to moderate cloud over the rest of north-west India and in Gujarat and Kathiawar; weather is disturbed in north-west India, due probably to the eastward advance of unsettled conditions from Persia.

A few showers may occur in south-east Madras and the north Punjab.

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Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 21st December, 1911.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey.....	20	7	59 p.m.	17	8
Teheran ...	21

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

CAUSE—AND EFFECT.

It is unlikely, says Mr. Herbert Farjeon in the "World" of mail week, that the Suffrage Movement will be materially advanced by "Outlawed" at the Court Theatre. Mrs. Alice Chapin and Miss Mabel Collins place probability on the rack. A kindly tolerance may swallow the similitude of Beryl Marchmont and Clara Dering, a similitude so startling that Beryl's husband takes Clara for his wife; but it sticks in your gorge that the great crisis in the independently-lived life of each should chance to occur on the selfsame day. It is strange, too, that these crises should have been of such a nature that both Beryl and Clara feared recognition; and most fortunate, shall we say, that on this identical day a theatrical manager should insert in some paper an advertisement for a young lady of the exact Beryl-Clara type. After this, it would be ridiculous to emagine that Beryl and Clara did not both buy this paper, that they did not both see this advertisement, that they did not both apply for this post, and that they did not both turn up in the theatre at the same time. You can reconstruct the rest of the play for yourself along the line of least probability. The propaganda portion is equally weak. Through the miraculous likeness, a guiltless girl is arrested for murder; and we are asked to reflect on the cruel injustice of a system that does not permit an innocent prisoner to defy the prison rules by chattering with her fellow-inmates. But Beryl doesn't mind much; death, after all, is preferable to life with a solicitor-moneylender-forger who coerces you into marriage by making you believe that he has your father in his power, when, all the time, he has arranged with papa to buy you for a substantial sum. This husband is a rare villain. Hot from the altar, in the very wedding-carriage, he jeers at the "wife of his bosom," revealing the trick he has perpetrated. Every time he appears he mutters, "She belongs to me! she is my goods! she is my chattel! the law makes her mine! mine! absolutely mine!" Little wonder that Beryl, who (I'll wager) has tu-thumped in her time, declares in a passionate outburst, "It is not too late! The serf revolts! The woman will be true to her better self!" And serve him right, say I, that he is troubled with palpitations of the heart, which come on, generally, towards the ends of acts. "The curl the cur" as handsome Claude Eversley remarks. I have not mentioned the boy who forged his father's name, or the papers which prove that Clara is the love-child of a duchess, or the struggle with the wardresser, or a dozen other gilded incidents. But here let the matter rest. It all seemed so like Our Grand New Serial, and so foreign to Sloane Square.

THE CRITICS CATTIGISED.

Undoubtedly one of the most important productions of the autumn season has been Mr. Israel Zangwill's "The War God," in which keen interest has been aroused by violent differences of opinion. The dramatic critics were pretty unanimous in condemnation, and I do not well see how they could honestly have been otherwise. But a reaction subsequently set in with the publication of the opinions of several well-known gentlemen—Mr. Zangwill among them—in which the merits of "The War God" were vigorously championed and the dramatic critics liberally stigmatised. Even those critics, it was declared, who clamour insistently for a higher, more elevating type of drama than that generally produced in the West End have wholeheartedly condemned this master piece; and it was hinted that this proved them little more than inveterate malcontents, who grumbled even when they got what they asked for. But the question is, "Have they got what they asked for?" I, for one, am asking for a finer drama than that we now possess—a drama that aspires, a drama bright with the fire of imagination and poetry. But on that account my conscience does not find it possible to praise as a masterpiece, or even as good, everything that changes to concur in its aim with my ideals. Although, in favour of Woman's Suffrage I cannot praise "Outlawed," not only because it is a bad play, but because it is a bad argument. And I cannot praise Mr. Zangwill's "The War God" because I consider it a bad play and a bad argument for the kind of play that I desire. As I wrote two weeks ago, the deed, and not the attempt, confounds me. I do not think that any English drama can attain such heights as the drama of blank verse. But a bad example is a dangerous weapon in an enemy's hand and every really bad blankverse drama written is only another nail in the coffin we desire to see prised open. I fear that most people who witness "The War God" will find it dull and that the majority of this most will mistakenly incline toward a general dislike of the poetic drama of which they conceive "The War God" an example. On the other hand, those who admire it as an accomplishment will be no nearer an appreciation of the real poetic drama. For which reason it even seems to me a little more dangerous than such plays as "The Worst Woman in London."

"PAINS AND PENALTIES," AT THE SAVOY.

Mr. Laurence Housman's play, "Pains and Penalties; or, The Defence of Queen Caroline," for the public performance of which the Lord Chamberlain has refused a licence, was acted in mail week at the Savoy Theatre under the auspices of the society calling itself The Pioneer Players, and by a company sufficiently strong, no doubt, to do full justice to the dramatist's intentions and processes. The play deals almost entirely with matters of history that are exceedingly familiar to every student of the history of England in the years 1820 and 1821; and apart from its historical interest it does not amount to a great deal. What one suggest is that if QueenCaroline of England were called Queen Gretchen of Kuritania, his Majesty George IV. altered to his Majesty Wilhelm of the same country, and Mr. Brougham converted into Herr Artwagen, it would all be rather tedious. As it stands, the duty of the Lord Chamberlain, as an official of the Court, was so obvious and its performance so patently inevitable that it is difficult to understand how Mr. Housman allowed himself to devote so much time, study, and labour to the writing of the play. In the part of the Queen, Miss Gertrude Kingston had some dramatic moments, and her effort all through to speak with the German accent of her illustrious prototype was in itself quite a notable offering on the altar of the Forbidden Drama. Of the rest Mr. Harcourt William as Brougham, had the most telling part, and succeeded in making that very eminent, if not very seriously esteemed, person both look and speak exceedingly like Mr. Harcourt Williams. Mr. William Farren, as Lushington, played with his customary sincerity and finish. Mr. Ben Webster also made a little part stand out by the ease and distinction of his elocution and bearing; and among others whose presence was recognised with pleasure in the long cast were Miss Auriol Lee, Miss Maud Hoffman, Mr. Radge Harding, and Mr. Nigel Playfair. The entr'actes were very long, but one of them was brightened by the appearance of Mr. Granville Barker on the stage, to ask the audience what they thought of the appointment of Mr. Charles Brookfield to the assistant dramatic censorship. Judging from their response, they thought very poorly of it.

"DIE BEIDEN LEONOREN," AT THE COURT.

It was charming to see the Court Theatre so crowded in mail week with pleasant-looking German ladies and gentlemen assembled to see a performance of Paul Lindau's comedy "Die Beiden Leonoren" by the members of the Deutsches Volkstheater West-Londons, and to participate in their enjoyment. Many attempts have been made of late years to establish a German Theatre in London, and all that remains of them is the memory of some fine plays, a great deal of good acting, and very meagre public support. The present venture seems to be better established, and one heartily wishes it every success, and cordially commends it not only to the German colony in the British capital, but also to the sympathy of all who are interested in the German language and in German theatrical art. "Die Beiden Leonoren" is a thoroughly diverting comedy, with its story of a rather foolish mamma who has been encouraging the philanderings of an admirer until she has the mortification of seeing him fall in love at first sight with her pretty young daughter, just back from school. The mother and daughter are the two Leonoras, and in their different ways both were charmingly acted and impersonated by Mrs. Alix Grein and Fraulein Hedda Kostner. In the part of the sensible husband who knows all that is going on, and, in spite of the warnings of his old friend Christian Weborg, feels no fear, having every confidence in the ultimate good sense of his wife, Herr Ernst Kaenl gave a very neat and well-observed performance; and, albeit handicapped by a not particularly felicitous make-up, Herr Albert Kehm gave a clear and effective study as the philanderer with the mamma and the impassioned adorer of the daughter.

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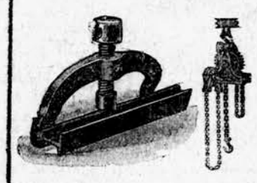

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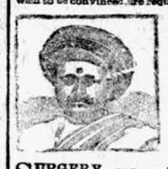

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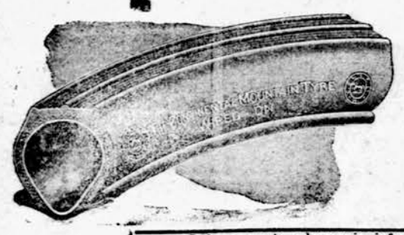

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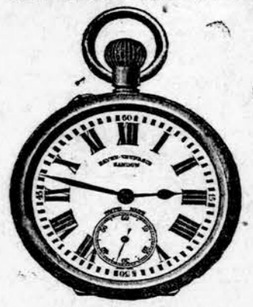

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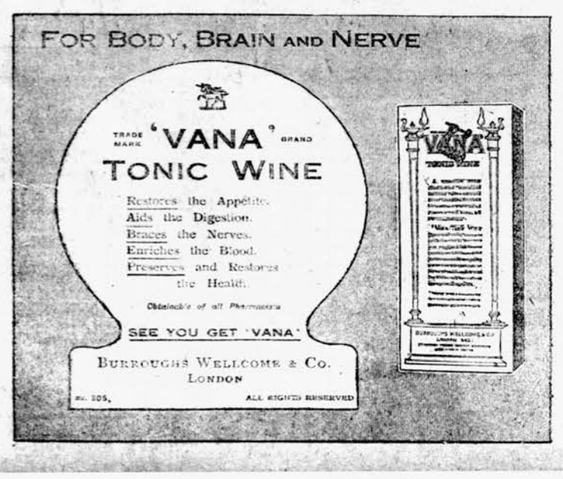

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